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BIG CANTON PLOT DIVULGED.

SCHEME WHICH WENT AWRY.

ARRESTED COMMUNIST GIVES SOME DETAILS.

AN ASSASSIN SOCIETY.

The activity of the Canton police against Communist labourers in the city has continued since the beginning of the Chinese New Year, when word reached the authorities that a second "Red" plot was being engineered.

A number of raids have been conducted daily of late, the most prominent being made on Monday last when an alleged Communist leader, named Chau Man-yung, was detained and a large quantity of "Red" literature seized at his house.

The alleged "Red" chief and his wife were both taken to the Police Station, where, according to Chinese reports, startling statements were made in connexion with the new "Red" plot. Chau declared to the police, in a straightforward manner, details of how the plot was to be worked out and how propagandists were being sent to the armies in an endeavour to secure the assistance of the troops. He added that he himself was to be the People's Commissary of Labour.

Assassination Scheme.

The arrested man further stated that apart from taking a prominent part in the Communist coup in Canton on December 11th, during which time he was solely responsible for the organising of the ricksha coolies in their attacks on the police, he was also last year concerned with the placing of a mine in the waters near the Cement Factory at Honam, this being part of a plot against General Li Chai-sum, and also the throwing of a bomb at the Central Bank building.

After the failure of the December coup, a secret Assassination Society was organised to take action against the higher officials of the Canton Government. Members of this Society were all Communist "die-hards" and they were divided into parties of from five to twenty-five men, with a chief for each group. The wages of these professional assassins were fixed at \$5 a day, while the reward for the killing of General Li Chai-sum was placed at \$50,000, and that of Tang Yin-wah, the Chief of Police, at \$20,000. All the higher officials in the Canton Government were named, with prices ranging from a few thousand to a few hundred dollars.

The reward paid to the successful assassins would be supplied by the Third Internationale, through M. Borodin, according to the statement made by the arrested man. The latter also asserted that there were four big groups in the Assassination Society and that he was the chief of all these assassin parties.

Change of Date.

The arrested man further stated that the members of the Assassination Society were mostly ricksha coolies, seamen and motor-car drivers. The date of the second Communist coup was first fixed for the end of the Chinese year, but later, when the scheme was frustrated, it was changed to the 6th, 7th or 8th February. The prisoner added that one of the primary reasons for choosing the three days named was that the Communists knew that in view of fighting going on in the East River districts, there would be only a handful of men left in Canton city.

Strikers who went up to Canton in 1925 and who subsequently became unemployed, a large number of the ricksha men, some seamen and a few detachments of troops stationed on the North River—all these, according to arrangements made with the Communists would have taken a leading part in the second plot to devastate Canton.

30,000 Communists.

When asked by the police authorities how many Communists there were in Canton at present, the prisoner's reply was that there

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NATIONALIST NOTE OF WARNING.

ACTION AGAINST GERMAN FIRMS PROPOSED.

ALLEGED ARMS DEALS.

It has been learned in official Chinese circles that a note of warning has been sent to Mr. F. Thiel, German Consul-General in Shanghai, informing him that action will be taken against German firms in China supplying arms and ammunition to the Northern Government. The character of the action was not indicated, but a recent official statement declared that the Minister of Foreign Affairs had recommended to the Nationalist Government the closing of the offices of "offending firms" within Nationalist territory.

The note was sent by Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, prior to his departure for Nanking. A reply from Mr. Thiel was received in which, it was stated, a denial was made that German firms in China are dealing in ammunition or arms for the Peking Government.

Quo Tai-chi in Nanking.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi is now in Nanking and is not expected to return to Shanghai at present. One of the principal reasons for his hurried trip to the Nationalist capital was for the purpose of discussing the arms matter with high officials of the Nationalist Government.

"A decision will be reached before Mr. Quo returns to Shanghai," an official declared, "but it is not believed that any drastic action will be taken at this time."

"REDS" SEIZE PINGSHEK.

FEARS OF YET ANOTHER MASSACRE.

Canton, Feb. 6. Pingshek, on the Hunan border, has again fallen into the hands of the "Reds," according to latest reports received here.

Recently the "Reds" from Hunan captured Pingshek city and carried out most terrible massacres, killing two thousand people and burning nearly half of the city to ashes.

The armies of Generals Ius Keh-chang and Fan Shik-sang were then sent into Hunan. Now the defeated troops of Tang Sang-chi from Changsha have joined with the "Reds" and made another attack on Pingshek. The garrison failed to hold out, and it is believed that a much more terrible massacre will be carried out by the "Reds" this time, for they are bitterly against the people of Pingshek who have been partial to the Government troops.

General Li Chai-sum has issued urgent orders instructing Generals Fan Shik-sang and Hsu Koh-sand to take immediate measures to suppress the "Reds" in Pingshek.—Nan Chung Pao.

SINCERE'S CASHIER ROBBED.

THIEF RUNS INTO ARMS OF INSPECTOR.

A Chinese who pleaded guilty to snatching \$100 from an accountant of Messrs. Sincere's was sentenced by Major C. Willson, this morning, to three months' hard labour.

According to the police, when the accountant was checking the day's taking on the ground floor, the prisoner snatched at the money on the counter succeeding in holding \$100 and making off with it.

The alarm was raised and the snatcher ran out of the shop almost into the arms of Inspector Andrews, who seized the defendant.

RAIN AGAIN PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone is passing into the Pacific. Another may be forming over China. Depressions are shown over South-West Japan and over North Indo-China. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; generally cloudy; some rain.

SWATOW NERVOUS AGAIN.

"IRONSIDES" STILL A FACTOR.

HAI-LUK FUNG COMMUNISTS ADVANCING.

VILLAGES BURNED.

Swatow, Feb. 3. The temporary freedom from anxiety which marked the New Year holiday, has been dissipated by the gradual realisation of the true state of things on the East River, and there is general apprehension in the port at present.

There would seem to have been little justification for the reports of a decisive victory over Chang Fat-kwai, and that he is still very much of a force to be reckoned with. Chin Chi-tang's brigade was, according to repeated reports, practically wiped out, and Chan Ming-shui's 11th Army very heavily defeated. That has been clear for some days. What appears also to be the case is that the reinforcements sent from Wong Shau-hung's Army at Canton have also so far failed to deal with the enemy in a decisive way.

More Reinforcements.

Further reinforcements have come from Canton by sea, at least 1,000 men with ammunition—possibly, as reports says, as many as 4,000.

It is further said that Wong Shau-hung himself has come and gone at once to the front. One would think by the reports issued in the papers that this must be true; on the other hand, if it is, he must have come very unobtrusively, for some papers announced it on one day and some on another; and there was nothing in the nature of a public reception.

There is, indeed, considerable mystery as to the relations existing between the Kwangai party and General Chan Ming-shui. The latter has arrived back from the front to-day, and although he has manifestly been unsuccessful, he is being received, in marked contrast to the reception of Wong Shau-hung, with a public welcome, and as a conquering hero. The official organ of the Kuomintang prints his picture, and an account of the success of the Army.

Already, however, some days ago a considerable number of his troops and an amount of ammunition and guns left the port, it is presumed for Amoy or some other Fukien port, and he himself is said to intend to withdraw there. Probably there is an attempt to retain him in this district, as a Kwangai man, and an adherent of Chiang Kai-shek.

Communist Advance.

There are reports of a gradual advance of the Hai-Luk Fung Communist force, which probably awaits the opportunity of any disturbance here to make a raid on the place. It is said to consist of some 300 or 400 of the remnants of the "Red" Army which came in last September under Generals Iap and Ho, about nine hundred of Chang Fat-kwai's men who found their way into Hai-Luk Fung, perhaps 300 or 400 well-armed men, of the original Communist force, and, for the rest, a number of ill-armed peasants of the district.

Some villages were yesterday reported to have been burnt in the Chao-yang district, either by a raid of this force, or by local Communist rising in anticipation of its advance and to-day there is a further report that the jetty at Chao-yang has been burnt. The launches which ply between there and Swatow are at present commandeered for carrying Wong Shau-hung's relief force to Kit-yang, so there is not so easy confirmation of this as there might be.—Our Own Correspondent.

AIR-MAIL SERVICE BEGUN.

Teheran, Feb. 6. By an agreement between Russia and Persia, a weekly air-mail service has been established between Teheran and Peking.

MILITANT WOMEN'S RE-UNION.

SUFFRAGETTES CELEBRATE THE FIRST VOTE.

PRISON FOR THE CAUSE

London, Feb. 5. On the eve of the introduction into Parliament of proposals which are expected to give votes to all women at the age of 21, an interesting re-union took place yesterday, of the suffragettes who fought for the women's vote some fifteen years ago.

Actually the anniversary was being celebrated of the first vote being given to "Some" women ten years ago. Most of the women who took a militant part in the suffragette campaign attended the re-union, and each table was presided over by a woman who had gone to prison for the cause. Notable figures present included Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. How Martyn.—British Wireless.

CANADIAN FARMERS.

RECEIVED AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

London, Feb. 5. The King and Queen received yesterday afternoon at Buckingham Palace, the party of visiting Canadian farmers who are visiting this country.

It was noticed with much pleasure that H. M. the Queen was wearing the maple leaf given to her on her visit to Canada as Duchess of York in 1901.

The King expressed his delight at learning that some of the farmers who came from Alberta had met the Prince of Wales when His Royal Highness visited his ranch there.

U. S. MARINE MISSING.

CAMERA DISAPPEARS AT SAME TIME.

An American marine, Luther James Gow, of the U. S. S. Ashville, has been reported missing by the Captain of the vessel, who, in a statement to the police, said that Gow left the ship, now at Talook Docks, on Saturday night and has not yet returned.

Gow is a young man of twenty and a native of St. Louis, California.

Another marine on the same ship, named H. L. Stephens, reports the loss of a Kodak camera valued at \$40 mex.

NEW AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINES.

HIGH COMMISSIONER AT PORTSMOUTH.

London, Feb. 5.

The High Commissioner for Australia, Sir Granville Ryrie, will visit the new Australian submarines, Oxley and Otway at Portsmouth to-morrow.

The submarines will leave Portsmouth on Wednesday next for Australia under their own power, and are due off Thursday Island on April 26th.—British Wireless.

TURCO-SWEDISH TREATY SIGNED.

Constantinople, Feb. 5.

The Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Turkey and Sweden has been signed.—Reuter.

LADY CHAMBERLAIN UNWELL.

London, Feb. 5.

Lady Chamberlain, wife of the Foreign Secretary, who has been suffering with neuritis, has been ordered to take a sea voyage and will leave for South America on Feb. 15th.—British Wireless.

EUROPEAN AS A BODYGUARD.

REMARKABLE CLAIM IN COURT.

CHINESE / RAID TO GO HOME IN DARK.

DEFENCE SUGGESTION.

That he acted as personal bodyguard and general assistant was the statement made in the Summary Court this morning by Mr. E. Harris when he claimed \$416.75 from Tang San-kan, of the Hung Taw Motor Boat Co., 11-13 Lee Yuen Sai Kai.

The amount claimed was in respect of wages for the month of December 1927 and for the first seven days of January this year by virtue of a verbal agreement entered into on December 1, 1927 between the plaintiff and defendant by which the defendant agreed to employ Mr. Harris at a salary of \$340 a month.

Mr. R. A. Wadeson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo for the defendant.

Opening the case Mr. Wadeson said Mr. Harris had formerly been employed by the defendant but was dismissed at the end of September. During September he understood that Mr. Harris instructed Mr. A. E. Hall to write to the defendant asking for salary which was in arrears. Eventually, Mr. Harris was re-engaged in the Savoy Hotel. At the same time defendant paid Mr. Harris \$5 to get his belongings brought up from Gordon Road, Causeway Bay, to a house at 250, Des Voeux Road West.

On Guard at Night.

Mr. Wadeson added that there was a club near the premises and defendant sometimes left with large sums of money in his possession. Plaintiff told his belongings to the Des Voeux Road West address on December 2 and continued to stay there on and off until January 7, when the defendant told Mr. Harris to take his box away. Plaintiff went and Mr. Wadeson understood that the defendant paid Mr. Harris \$20 and said he had no more money with him. While he had been employed Mr. Harris had received money to pay certain bills. Defendant owned a number of motor boats and Mr. Harris had to meet him each night at Blake Pier and stay with him.

Mr. Justice Wood:—What was he? A sort of bodyguard?

Mr. Wadeson:—Yes.

Mr. Justice Wood:—And that had been his previous employment?

Mr. Wadeson:—Yes, but he did other small things as well. Giving evidence Mr. Harris said he had known the defendant for over two years and had been employed by him from February 1927 to September the same year. When defendant dismissed him his belongings were at 250 Des Voeux Road West. Witness also had a flat at Tai Wong Street East.

A Few Drinks.

He was in company with a Mr. Blyth on December 1 when they met the defendant in Pedder street. They all went to the Savoy Hotel and had a few drinks. Defendant then asked witness to work for him again and he replied that he would if he was paid the same salary as before. Defendant agreed to this and gave witness \$5 to bring his box up to Des Voeux Road West.

Mr. Harris said his duties were those of a general assistant. He used to accompany the defendant about at night. Part of his duties was to go to the pictures and interpret for the defendant, and then later continue to follow him about. Defendant was in a "funny mood" when on December 9 he told witness to take his box away. Later his belongings were moved to the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by two of the defendant's servants. He met the defendant the same night and the latter told him to take his belongings back again. It was on January 7 that defendant gave him \$20 and said he had no more money.

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NOT TO BE CALLED "FOREIGN."

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT.

CHINESE OBJECTION.

Shanghai, Feb. 3. The Chief of the Police Department of the Shanghai (Chinese territory) Municipality has somewhat startled the jaded foreign folks of Shanghai by issuing a circular order to officers in charge of various districts and sub-districts, to the effect that, on the instructions of the Municipality, the expression "Foreign Settlement" is hereafter to be abolished, and the name "Special District" is to be used henceforth when referring to the area known as the International Settlement, which will be divided into the eastern, western, northern and central districts, while the French Concession is to be styled the southern district.

The average Chinese, more especially if he happens to have been foreign-educated, is very sensitive and is particularly touchy on the question of any portion of China's soil being designated as "foreign," so it is easy to understand the proposed change of appellation, but one cannot help asking the old, old question: "What's in a name?"

In other realms of designation, no such punctiliousness is revealed for accuracy as in the matter of the "Foreign Settlement." For example, there is a burly plying his trade in the wilds of Hongkong who displays the interesting legend on a signboard outside his establishment to the effect that he "cuts heads fine," while a laundryman advertises the fact to the world that he undertakes to "wash foreign ladies and gentlemen," which exploit is only rivalled by that of the furrier who tells all and sundry that he can make fur coats "out of your skin or ours"—surely a suggestive variant on Galworthy's "Skin Game." What's in a name, anyhow?—Our Own Correspondent.

OPIUM POSSESSION CHARGE.

DEFENDANT CHANGES HIS STORY.

Wan Cheung, defended by Mr. Horace Lo, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, on a charge of possession of two tins of opium.

A police sergeant stated that he was on duty at midnight on Saturday on the Praya when he saw the defendant coming out of the doorway of No. 77, Praya East. The sergeant stopped the defendant and searched him, but found nothing on him. In the doorway itself, at the bottom of the steps, the Sergeant found two tins of opium.

It was stated that at the Police Station the defendant said he picked up the opium.

Mr. Horace Lo, after consultation with his client out of Court, said on his return:—"Defendant says he didn't mean to say what he is supposed to have said in the statement."

The case was adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, bail of \$300 being allowed by his Worship.

WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY.

THIEVES RIFLE WATCHMEN'S HOUSE.

Sentences totalling nine months' hard labour each were passed on two Chinese, charged before Major C. Willson this morning, with theft of various articles from No. 176, Vanchai Road, and with house-breaking.

The address is the residence of several Indian watchmen who for the better part of the day, are out.

The two defendants broke into the house Tuesday afternoon, and stole property valued at \$300. The police have since recovered about ten per cent.

PERIOD OF GRACE.

Constantinople, Feb. 5. The period of grace for the stay in Turkey of Russian monarchists, due to expire to-morrow, has been extended for another year.—Reuter.

CHINA PROVIDENT MEETING.

SOCONY DEBT NOW LIQUIDATED.

AGREEMENT REACHED WITH EX-GENERAL MANAGERS.

FUTURE PROSPECTS.

Some interesting announcements were made by the Chairman at the general ordinary meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., this morning, at which it was stated that the future depended on trade conditions in South China, a peaceful administration in Canton being needed to attract cargoes to this Colony. In the course of his speech, the chairman stated that

Repayment in full had been secured of the loan of the Hongkong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., the sum thus received, together with assistance from the Bank, enabling the liquidation of the debt arising from the purchase of the godowns of the Standard Oil Company.

The big loan due from Mr. Tong Hok-tin had been established as a bad account, as he had proceeded outside the jurisdiction of the Courts of Hongkong; and

An agreement had been reached providing for substantial cash reductions of the debt from the Company's late General Managers during the next two years.

Chairman's Speech.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—"With your permission, gentlemen, I shall dispense with the reading of the report and accounts which have been in your hands for the period required by the Company's Articles. Following your adoption of new Articles of Association in January last year, and on the offer on behalf of Mr. Tong Hok-tin failing to the ground, your Directors terminated the temporary appointment given to Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., as General Agents by a notice which expired on the 20th of July last year, since which date the Company has been working on its own.

During the year under review, our godowns have continued to receive a fair share of the storage offering, and their net earnings, together with the profits on lighterage, show an increase not very far short of 100 per cent. in comparison with the figures for 1926. The Loans section earned \$148,665.46, but owing to the possibility of recovering a large portion of this figure—\$102,448.71—we have continued our policy of transferring the doubtful portion to particular reserves and taking into profits only that portion considered good, namely \$46,216.76. You will note that on the debit side of our Profit and Loss account "Interest on Mortgages" and on Bank overdraft shows a reduction compared with 1926, being some \$40,000 less than for that year, and a reduced sum in commission to General Managers, which account will no longer be a charge upon our working. Interest continues to be a heavy load on our profits, and must so remain until the Directors have an opportunity of liquidating the large sum tied up in loans. This has not been lost sight of by the Board, but until very recently local conditions did not permit realisation to any extent.

The Year's Profit.

The profit for the year, gentlemen, is only \$21,247.34 and given fair trading conditions, this should be capable of much improvement. If only by reduction in expenditure put in force during the year, the full benefit of which has not been received in the period under review. Turning to the balance sheet, and to the Company's liabilities, you will notice that our capital is now put down at the reduced figure of \$5 per share, in accordance with the special resolution which received your approval at extraordinary general meetings held during the year, which resolution was duly approved by the Court in October last.

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CLUB DE RECREIO.

CLUBHOUSE OPENED BY
H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

In the presence of a large gathering representing the various communities in Hongkong, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., performed the ceremony of opening the Club de Recreio's new Club-house at King's Park on Saturday afternoon.

His Excellency was accompanied by Captain Whyte, A.D.C., and another car arriving at the same time brought the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy and Mrs. Cressy together with Mr. Justice J. R. Wood and Mrs. Wood. Others present were: His Lordship Bishop H. Valtorta, Mr. A. L. d'Albuquerque e Castro, Consul-General for Portugal, Mme. & Mlle. Castro, members of the Consular Body, Lieut. Abreu, representing H. E. the Governor of Macao, Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, representing the Municipal Council and the people of Macao, Capt. H. E. L. Dowbiggin, Chev. J. M. Alves, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. W. Schofield and many others.

On his arrival His Excellency was welcomed by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, president of the club, and members of the committee, and on their reaching the main entrance the Portuguese Philharmonic Society's orchestra played the British National Anthem.

Mr. de Souza then handed the main key to His Excellency, who opened the door and entered the building, being followed by those present.

The gathering assembled in the main hall, and for a time the orchestra discoursed music under the direction of Mr. S. Pinna.

After refreshments had been served, Mr. de Souza spoke as follows:

We are assembled to-day under the roof of an institution which had a very humble if somewhat unorthodox beginning. Strange though it may seem to you, we began as a Co-operative Savings Society with only 19 members some 23 years ago, but we did so well that 15 months thereafter we were able to return the capital subscribed and it was then decided to wind up the Co-operative Society and apply the accrued profits and the furniture towards the formation of a Club properly constituted, and the name chosen for it was "Club de Recreio" which in English means "Recreation Club." The membership then registered was 35 and with the prospect of more candidates coming in we looked around for a suitable piece of ground for our Club House and one or two tennis courts. We were extremely fortunate to obtain on lease from the Spanish Dominican Procuration for our purposes a vacant piece of land splendidly situated at the corner of Kimberley and Nathan Roads.

Fr. Novati, the head of the local Spanish Dominican Procuration and Honorary President of this Club, was kindness itself and gave us every facility that we required, with the result that within a very short time we had built thereupon the Club House which we have just vacated to come into these new premises.

Growth of Membership.

Our membership increased as more Portuguese families moved over from Hongkong to the Peninsula and it became evident that the time had arrived to make provision for the expansion that was beginning to make itself felt. Nine years ago, our late lamented President, Mr. E. J. Noronha, approached the Government of this Colony and laid before it the urgent need of recreational facilities for the members of this Club. It was urged by him that the Portuguese community, the third largest in the Colony and consisting as it did, and still does of permanent residents, was the only one that did not have any recreation ground. I need hardly state that the Government was most sympathetic and, through our former Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, now holding a similar position in Ceylon, im-

mediately offered us the choice of a few sites in Kowloon but none was found to be suitable for the purposes, and we had to be content with the promise that as soon as any convenient site was available the Government would bear us in mind. When it was decided in 1922 on the recommendation of the Town Planning Committee to turn King's Park into recreation grounds, the Government, true to its promise, offered us the choice of a site therefor for our Club House and recreation ground, a similar offer being made to four other Clubs which together with ourselves were the only Clubs existing in Kowloon at the time. We chose this site and the Government very kindly laid it out according to our requirements.

"We witness to-day the culmination of our most ardent aspirations. I have the feeling, at this moment of one who has come into some immeasurably great inheritance and has every reason to rejoice and be perfectly pleased with the world at large. I dare say that that is also the feeling of every member of this Club whose spokesman I have the honour to be. And the thought that occurs to me in the midst of our rejoicings is "To whom do we owe this good fortune?" And the decisive answer comes to me almost at the same time, as the question is formulated: "To the Government of Hongkong."

The site on which this building stands and the beautiful and extensive grounds adjoining it were placed at our disposal just a few days before the departure of your Excellency's predecessor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, and at such short notice we could not, adequately convey our thanks to him and the Government of Hongkong and we did the only thing that was possible under the circumstances and that was to hurriedly express our sincere thanks through our worthy Consul, Mr. Cerveira de Albuquerque.

Government Thanked.

This was done, but it is only to-day that the occasion has presented itself to us to show in a public manner our gratitude and deep appreciation of the kindness and liberal mindedness of the Government of Hongkong in allocating these grounds to us. Such magnanimity compels not only our gratitude but also our admiration. The value of these grounds cannot be computed only in dollars and cents. If we are to recognise the truth of the saying "Mens Sana in Corpore Sano," and I am sure no one contests it, these grounds are of considerably greater value to us than their monetary value. We have had these grounds for only two years, a comparatively short period and we can already see their incalculable value in the improved physique of our younger members. This is an undeniable fact which has arrested the attention of every member of our community.

These reasons are more than sufficient to compel our gratitude but, what is it that compels our admiration? It is the solicitude of the Government of Hongkong for the welfare and contentment of the inhabitants of all races of this Colony. Confining myself to King's Park alone we have here five Clubs of alien nationalities with separate recreation grounds placed at their disposal by the Government of Hongkong for their sole use and delectation. One cannot help admiring such a liberal policy and friendly gesture on the part of the Government of Hongkong. This policy is unique and I believe has no rival in any other country, and if it is coupled with the well-known fact that the administration of justice in this Colony is above reproach and that equal opportunities in business are offered to everyone irrespective of nationality, one no longer wonders why the population of Hongkong increases every day.

As a Monument.

By consenting to formally open our Club House to-day your Excellency has not only conferred upon us a signal honour, but has added brilliancy to the ceremony and has thereby given a fresh proof of

the kindly interest you take in the affairs of our community. To Your Excellency we are indebted for the special favourable terms of tenure of these grounds and for permission to erect this building which I hope will stand for all ages as a monument to the goodwill of Your Excellency towards the Portuguese Community of this Colony. On behalf of the members of this Club I beg to respectfully tender to Your Excellency and the Government of Hongkong our heartfelt thanks for so many acts of kindness to us, the remembrance of which will forever be engraved in our hearts.

We very much regret the absence of His Excellency The Governor of Macao, Senhor Tagmanini Barbosa who is unable to be present, owing to the exigencies of his gubernatorial duties at Macao. His Excellency has written to say how much he regrets his inability to participate in this function, the more so as he would have availed himself of the opportunity to personally thank Your Excellency for the many favours you have seen fit to bestow upon his nationals in this Colony. He has, however, sent his Aide-de-Camp, Lt. Abreu, to convey to his best wishes for the prosperity of the Club de Recreio, and I take this opportunity to ask Lt. Abreu to convey to His Excellency the expression of our sincere thanks and our great feeling of disappointment at his inability to honour us with his presence on this auspicious occasion.

We are also very sorry that Lady Clementi is not well enough to do us the honour of being present to-day. We rejoice however to hear that she is making good progress towards complete recovery of her recent illness and I would ask Your Excellency to kindly convey to her our most sincere wishes for a speedy restoration to perfect health.

The Others Present.

On behalf of the members of this Club I wish also to extend a very cordial welcome to all our other guests and to thank them very sincerely for the honour they have done us by being present at this ceremony and taking part with us in our rejoicings. I see present here to-day representatives of practically every nationality residing in this Colony and I wish to assure them of a hearty welcome at this Club at all times.

I wish also to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. F. P. de V. Soares who is here to-day as the representative of the Municipal Council and the People of Macao. I am extremely obliged to the Municipal Council of Macao for this act of courtesy on its part and for the very kind wishes they have conveyed to us, and I will ask Mr. Soares to kindly transmit to them our sincere thanks.

I would be failing in my duties were I to omit to convey the very sincere thanks and deep appreciation of every member of this Club to those who have so kindly and willingly assisted us in the construction of this building.

Our special thanks are due to our Architects, Messrs. Raven & Bate, but more especially to Mr. Bate who was the Architect responsible for the plans. Without claiming any great architectural effects, he has nevertheless instilled beauty into this building by the very simplicity of its internal features.

Similar thanks are due to the Public Works Department. From the Chief Executive and every other member of this Department we have received nothing but kindness and every possible assistance.

I also wish to express our indebtedness to the contractor Mr. Tak Lee, to Messrs. C. E. Warren & Co., Ltd., for the sanitary arrangements and to Messrs. William C. Jack & Co., Ltd., for the electrical installation and fittings. We thank all and each one of them for work well done.

And last, but not least, I wish to say how thankful we are to our Bankers, the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, Ltd., without whose kindly assistance it would have been rather difficult for us to carry through our building programme.

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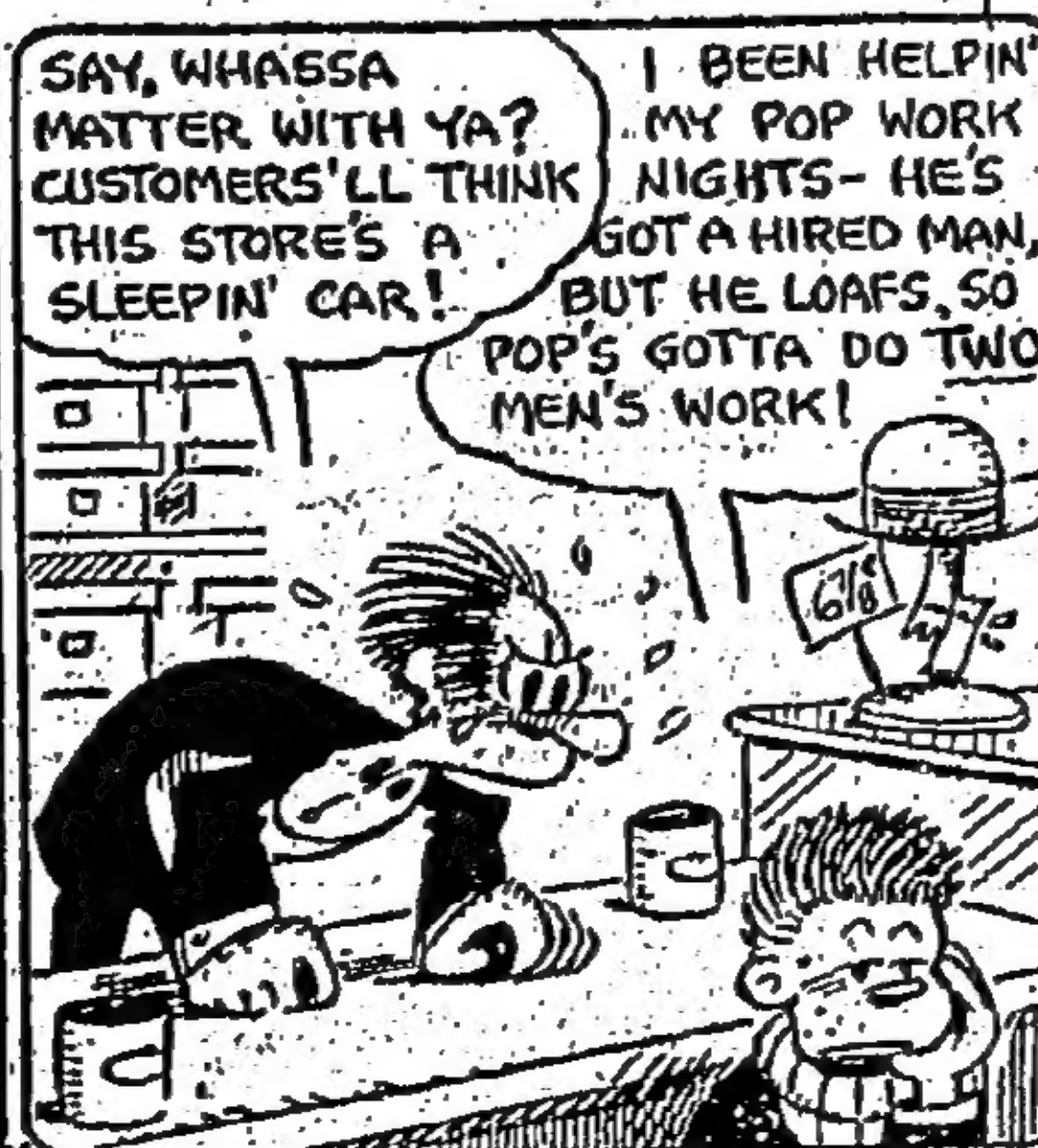
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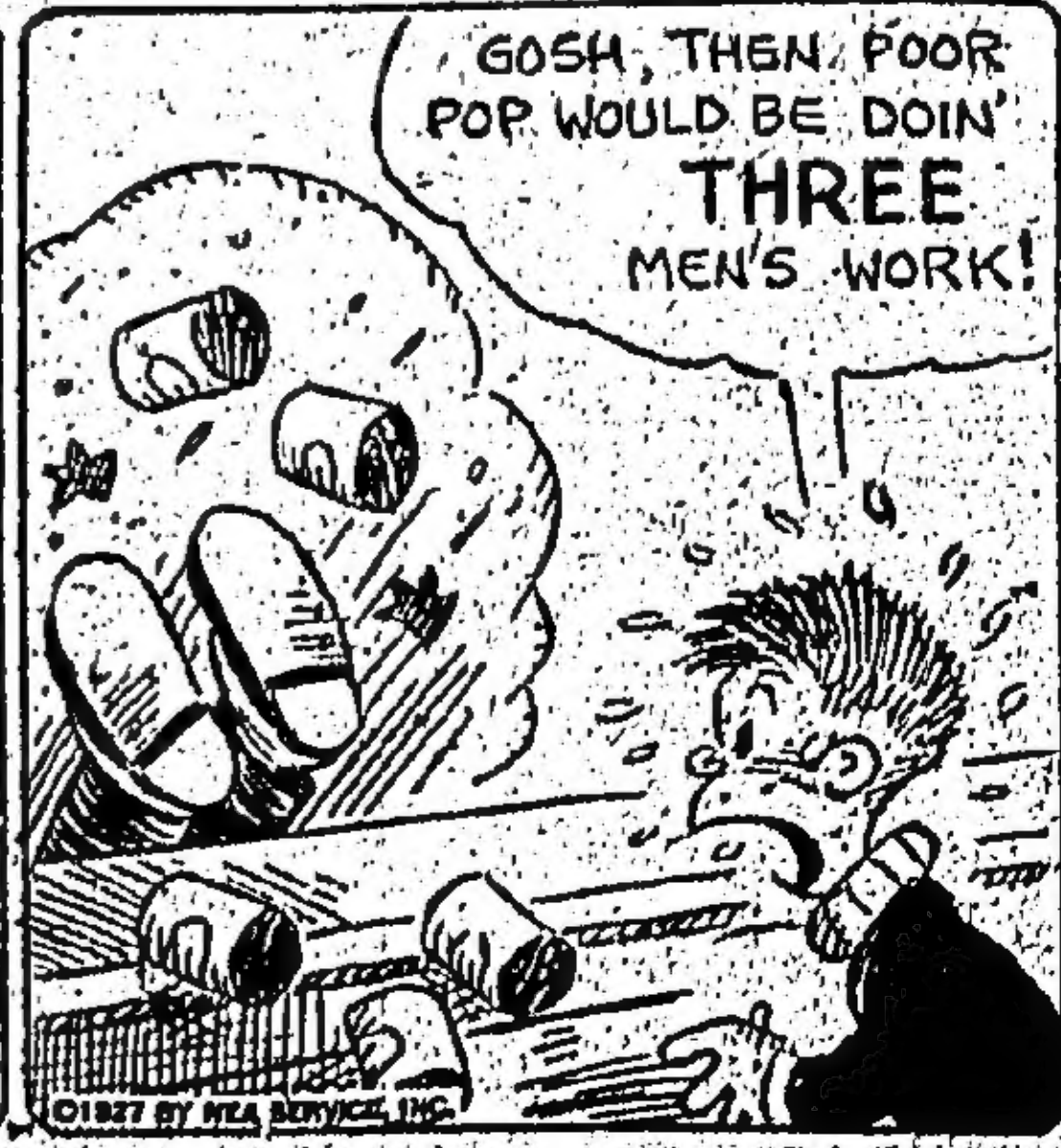
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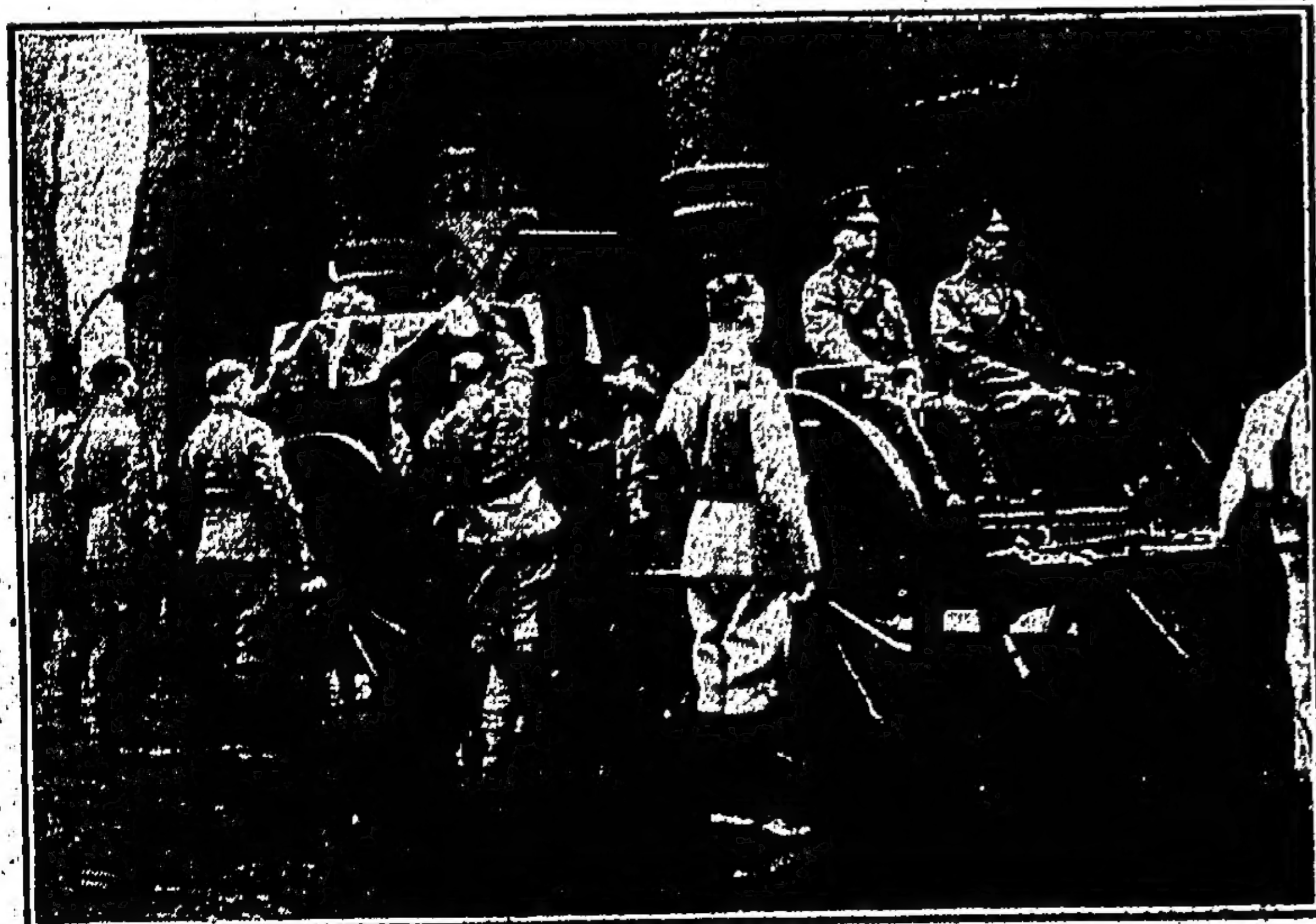
Mrs. J. K. Brand, who won the mixed hunt held in Shanghai recently. As a side saddle rider Mrs. Brand won the event outright.



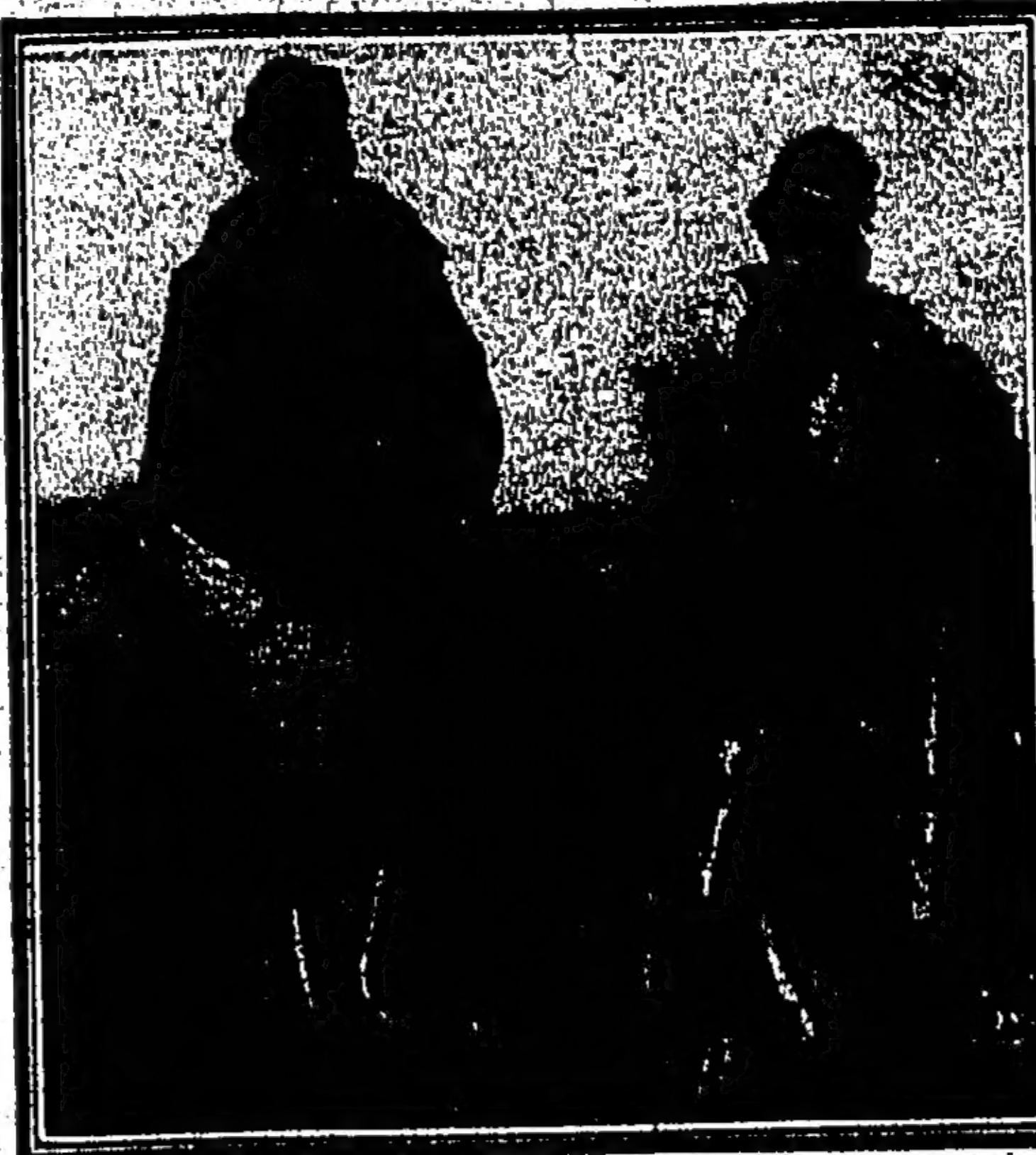
Mrs. Stanglund, Miss Lorna Fowler, Mrs. H. D. Rodger and Miss Krause, who are well-known in Shanghai as followers of paper.



The Hongkong Association football team taken before they met Shanghai in the interport match at the Pioneer Field. They lost by seven clear goals and we suspect the smiles disappeared.



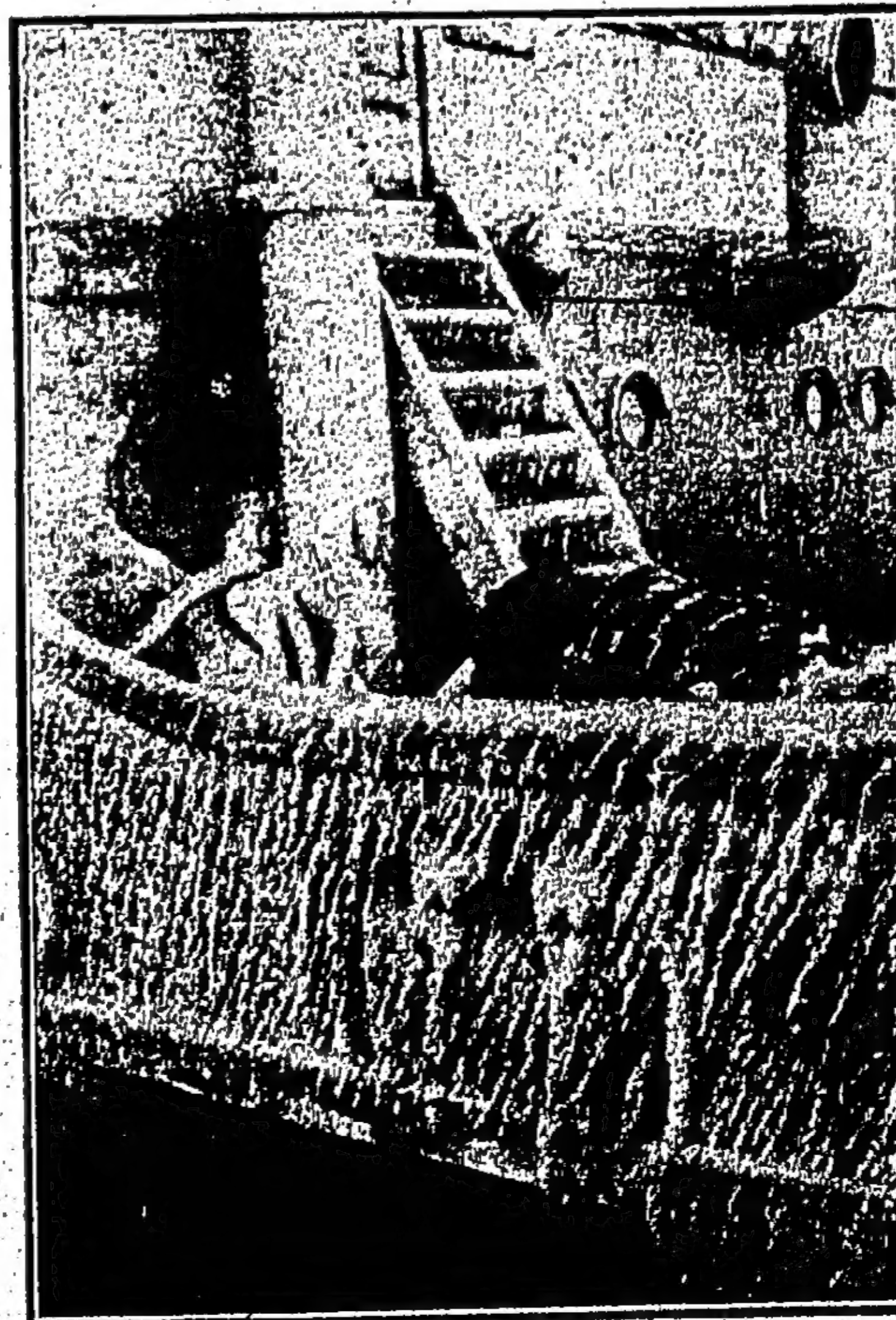
Military honours marked the funeral of the late Very Reverend Dean C. J. F. Symons, of Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai. Part of the service was held at the Cathedral after which the coffin was conveyed to Bubbling Well Cemetery on a gun carriage. Picture shows the start from the Cathedral.



Mrs. N. L. Sparke, Mrs. Claud Trenchard-Davis and a canine friend, snapped at a recent Shanghai paper hunt.



Group taken at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Haute, Belgian Consulate-General Shanghai after the wedding of Mr. Max Emile Jottrand, and Miss Math-Marie Roy. The bride was given away by Mr. E. Molines, Manager of the Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient, and the best men were Messrs. Coquelet and du Bus de Warnaffe. The civil marriage was performed by Mr. J. Van Haute, and the religious ceremony was solemnized at Union Church by Rev. E. F. Borat-Smith.



An idea of the cold experienced off the northern coast of China is gained by the above photo which is typical of all ships arriving at Tientsin after making a rough passage through raging seas.



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TO LET.—Asiatic Building. One office room to be sub-let. Apply Pearson, 2nd floor, Central 4929.

TO LET.—Upper flat, furnished 6, Basilea Lytleton Rd., from 1st May, 1928. Apply Box No. 316, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

COMMODOUS OFFICES to let in No. 7, Queen's Road Central, also two small offices in 1A, Chater Road. Apply E. D. Sassoon and Company, Ltd.

TO LET.—Well furnished Airy room with bathroom and verandah attached, excellent food and attendance. Close to town, Hongkong side. Terms: one person \$140, two persons \$280 per month. Apply Box No. 318, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."



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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Messrs. LEB'S of 10, Queen's Road C., beg to announce that they have from this date severed all connection with the HONGKONG OBSERVER.

Hongkong, February 6th, 1928.

G. R.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1928-1929.

Sealed Tenders, in duplicate, for the supply of the undermentioned Stores for H.M. Naval Service at Hong Kong during the period 1st April, 1928 to 31st March, 1929 will be received by the Commodore, H.M. Naval Yard, until noon on Monday, the 20th February, 1928:

Frozen Meat.
Fresh Vegetables.
Soft Bread.
Biscuits.
Rice.
Sugar.

Forms of Tender and any necessary information may be obtained on application to the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H.M. NAVAL DEPOT.

Kowloon, February, 1928.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1928.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 18th February, 1928, at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 11th February to SATURDAY 18th February, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1928.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

The School has moved from the Temporary Premises to its own buildings, recently the General Hospital.

School will reopen on Monday, February 13th at 9 a.m. New Boys should attend on Saturday February 11th, at 9 a.m. The Office will be at the School Buildings from Monday, February 6th Telephone Kowloon 777.

Applications for Prospectus etc. should be addressed—The Bursar, The Diocesan Boys' School, P. O. Box 33, Hongkong.

Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE,
M. A. OXON,
Headmaster.

NAVY LEAGUE.

(Hongkong Branch).

The Annual General meeting of the Navy League will be held on Wednesday, 8th February, at 5.30 p.m. in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., (by kind permission).

All members are cordially invited to attend.

L. M. WHYTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928

13th, 14th, 15th & 18th February.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 90 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1927.

The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1927: "That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 6th February, 1928 to Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. R. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1928.

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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on TUESDAY,

the 7th February, 1928,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—

Teak Hatstand, Bookcases, Desks, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Glass Cabinet, Carpets, Rugs, Pictures, Ornaments, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards with Bovelled Mirrors, Dinner Wagon, Ice Chest, Glass Ware, Crockery, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.

Teak and Iron Bedsteads with Mattresses, Wardrobes with and without glass doors; Teak and Camphorwood Chest of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Marble Top Washstands, Side Tables, Toilet Sets, etc.

also

A Few Pieces of Blackwood

Furniture.

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One Cottage Piano by Brins-

mond and Sons.

Two Cottage Pianos.

One Piano Player.

One Victrola.

Four Gramophones.

One Underwood Typewriter.

One Perambulator.

A Quantity of Coloured Grass

Mats.

1 Motor Cycle with Sidecar by

Harley Davidson.

1 Moving Picture Machine in

Trunk.

1 Astronomical and Terrestrial

Telescope with Accessories by

Atchison & Co., Ltd.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Monday, the 6th

February, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on FRIDAY,

the 10th February, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large and Valuable Collection of Curios.

comprising:—

Old Porcelain Vases, Bowls, Jars, Plates, Ornaments, Old Bronze Ware, Mandarin Coats, Skirts, Lacquered Ware, Agate, Ivory, Jade and Crystal Articles, etc., etc.

On View from Thursday, the 9th February, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on FRIDAY,

the 10th February, 1928, commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Particulars from Catalogues).

On View from Thursday, the 9th February, 1928.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1928.

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E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company will be closed from MONDAY, 13th to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

W. F. SIMMONS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Limited, on Thursday, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 9th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 1st February to Friday, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1928.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

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PHILIPPINES SUGAR INTERESTS.

CUBANS SAID TO BE ACTIVELY OPPOSING.

New York, Jan. 30.
A reiteration of charges that Cuban-American sugar interests are working actively for the limitation of the importation of Philippine sugar into the United States was made here today by Vicente Villamin, Filipino lawyer of this city. Villamin is making a tour on behalf of the continued free entry of Philippine sugar. He will go as far west as St. Louis.

Manila Cigar Taxes.

Washington, Jan. 30.
Taxes on cigars and cigarettes from the Philippines decreased from \$514,839 in 1926 to \$363,257 in 1927, the bureau of internal revenue announced today. Taxes on cigars during 1927 amounted to \$35,679. Part of the decrease from 1926 is believed to have been due to lower rates on cigars.

"BEN-HUR."

FINAL SCREENING OF BIG FILM.

"Ben-Hur," the \$600,000 film which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre for the last time today after a record run, owes its popular success not only to the grandeur of its spectacle and the absorbing nature of its action but likewise to the love story of Ben-Hur and Esther and the other love motif between mother and son which is brought powerfully to the fore through the many years of separation of Ben-Hur and his parent by the Romans who condemned him to the galley and his womenfolk to a forgotten dungeon. This vivid picture shows us Ben-Hur's escape—the triumphant chariot race, his romance with Esther, and his return to Judea, fired by the hope of the Messianic kingdom. The outcast mother and sister find the young hero asleep, but in a scene of infinite pathos turn away so as not to contaminate him. Their reunion with the loved one after they have been healed by the Saviour, is perhaps the most exquisite passage in film fiction.

U.S. PRESIDENCY.

MR. HOOVER RUMoured TO BE RESIGNING CABINET.

Washington, Jan. 31.
Rumours that Mr. Herbert Hoover, the U. S. Secretary of Commerce, would resign to devote his time to the presidential campaign were answered at the White House today with a statement that President Coolidge has no information which has led him to suppose that Mr. Hoover either intends to remain in the cabinet, or to leave it.

ARRESTS IN KOREA.

ALLEGED COMMUNISTS IN CUSTODY.

Tokio, Feb. 4.
It is learned from Korea that the police have arrested 33 Korean Communists, including some women, at Seoul.
The result of a domiciliary search a number of incriminating documents are reported to have been seized.—Reuter.

Harlem, Feb. 4.
The death has occurred of Professor Lorentz, the well-known scientist and winner of the Nobel Prize in 1902.—Reuter's American Service.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Cocktail Party.

[By "PAMELA."]

[Pamela, aged nine, has written the following story for the *Daily Mail*. The *Mail* states:—"We have satisfactory evidence that it was written without assistance, and it is printed as written."]

At six o'clock one afternoon Mrs. Rendle arrived at the door of Mrs. Poenti's house. She was shown in by a butler who did not move his eyes. Mrs. Rendle's name was Olga. Olga was having a bit of a love affair with Ronnie Corser a fine looking Englishman tall reserved and willing.

Mrs. Poenti was certainly very young and a bit catty. Her first words to Olga were "My goodness I didn't believe this was a dress parade." Olga smiled in a peevish way. "I've been to a hotel she said and I had time to change, and I've run out of cocktail dresses anyway."

I'm afraid there's a dreadful old bird coming said Mrs. Poenti.

Vivid Armlets.

COLLARS GOING OUT OF FASHION.

The newest idea for cheering up our women's winter coats is to line them with 'brilliantly striped jersey cloth, an armlet of which appears on each sleeve—just above the elbow.

When the coat is fur-trimmed there is an armlet of fur.

Collars are vanishing. Very few are fur-trimmed, and those that are lined and turned over with brilliant jersey cloth are small, insignificant affairs. It's armlets that matter now.

Armlets appear, too, on indoor frocks. Huge ones of bright Roman striped silk are the only splash of colour in many of the ever-increasing number of black frocks.

My Diet Sheet.

[By Jessie Pope.]

Yes, I am on diet, too,
And lining up with all of you,
And, though the prospect's rather grey,
I'm sure it is the only way.

I never drink with meals, oh no,
Dry work—but still it's better so,
And when the pangs of hunger gnaw

I take my grated carrot, raw,
Though water makes—and I
I drink down quarts as good

As gold,
As 'ten is open to abuse,
I break my fast with orange juice.

Since vitamins, from A to D,
To health and slenderness hold the key,
Nuts, cabbage, wholemeal bread

And fruit
My so-called dinner constitute.
Admittedly I never feel

The comfort of a good square meal.

Beautiful Chinese Gowns as Worn in days Gone by.



Some lovely gowns of past days seen at the dress exhibition given at the Hsieh Ho Medical School, at Peking.

At that moment a ring came to the door. Reginald Shewl walked in to the room followed by the most comely looking woman called Lady Mansel. Her first eye was on the Womens legs for her own legs were dressed in thick black cashmere. O how do you do Lady Mansel said Mrs. Poenti in very glad voice came. Thank you said Lady Mansel I thought there were going to be all very pretty women here. Mrs. Poenti looked at Olga and wondered if she saw through it.

By this time Reginald Shewl being young himself was getting rather nervy and wished he was dancing with another girl who had been at all repulsive to him. So he said Lady Mansel would you like to go to a lecture on Latest Fashions for Old People heres a ticket ready. Lady Mansel was furious and said I think its time you left off snubbing me. Ill go this instant alone, not meaning it and hoping he'd come too. But to her fury Reginald said a firm Goodbye.

When she had gone everybody sank in their chair covered with perspiration. A quick conversation started and the Butler announced Ronnie Corser. Hello

In the evening it is smart to wear an armlet of huge flat waxed flowers, or feather ones, glycerined to give a shiny effect.

Olga he said, and catching site of Reginald a look of sternness came over his face. Im going to have a duel fight over Olga with you.

Just what I wanted said Reginald cunningly. No No you shant said Olga. Now be a brave girl said Olga said Mrs. Poenti. So Olga shivered and said Start then, and calling the Butler ordered words.

Lets do it in the garden said Olga. The furniture here is all new, though it is 2 hand.

Ronnie struck R. with a blow. Not so rough said Reginald, if you're going to fight like that you can have her. And so they returned to the sitting room where Olga was in great misery fearing Ronnie would lose. When she saw her Hero safe they kissed and Reginald kissed Mrs. Poenti saying as I cant have Olga can I have you. Instead Mrs. Poenti willingly agreed, and in a few hours they all started on a happy marriage after all I suppose.

Yet solace comes in other ways—I've dropped four pounds in 13 days!

Tuberculosis.

DRESS REFORM NEEDED SAYS DOCTOR.

Scantiness in modern woman's dress is partly responsible for the tuberculosis problem, according to Dr. Hove E. Denholt, who reported for the first time in the history of the Wisconsin Tuberculosis Association all of the State's 20 sanatoria filled with patients, with long waiting lists at many of them. Girls between 15 and 25, striving for a boyish figure and wearing scanty clothing, have lowered their resistance to a point where they are easy prey of the disease, Dr. Denholt said.

"I believe we can down tuberculosis among young women if we push dress reform," he declared. "There is a point in the race for scanty clothing at which a girl must stop lest the body be chilled too much and weakened."

CREDITOR'S CONDUCT CRITICISED.

CENSURE ON MR. J. M. XAVIER.

"You have behaved disgracefully in trying to go behind the backs of the other creditors and get special terms for yourself after having agreed to a decision on the lines proposed," said the Lord Chief Justice at the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday, to Mr. J. M. Xavier, one of the creditors of Dr. T. P. Woo, who was publicly examined. Sir Henry Gollan also said that it was not legal blackmail but conduct of the most reprehensible and most improper character. Later, seeing Mr. Xavier's attempt to converse with a Pressman, His Lordship said, "It is no use you trying to 'square' the Press, Mr. Xavier, although I can quite understand your feelings of anxiety about what I have said and what has been disclosed by the Official Receiver receiving publicity."

When Dr. Woo's name was called, the Official Receiver said before proceeding with the public examination there were certain facts which he wished to bring to the notice of His Lordship. A meeting of creditors had been held on January 12 at which practically all the creditors were present, among them a Mr. J. M. Xavier, a very large creditor whose claims amounted to \$33,000.

A scheme for composition was discussed and the original proposal was put to the meeting and lost. Mr. Xavier voting against it. The proposal was then amended, the final proposal being for the payment of a composition of ten per cent. in cash and to this Mr. Xavier assented. The creditors desired to arrange a composition on this basis but not under the supervision of the Bankruptcy Court, the idea being, if possible, to avoid public examination which would be detrimental to Dr. Woo as a professional man.

Secret Arrangement.

Certain facts, continued Mr. Agassiz, had properly been brought to his notice by the firm of Messrs. Lee and Russ (Mr. Russ appeared in Court on behalf of debtor). In spite of Mr. Xavier having agreed to the composition he had, if the statements made to the Official Receiver were correct and if the evidence available were correct, gone behind the backs of all the other creditors and had been pressing the debtor to pay him, by a secret arrangement, whereby he (Mr. Xavier) would receive sixty per cent. whereas the remainder of the creditors would only receive ten per cent.

The Official Receiver referred to a letter which Mr. Russ could state was in Mr. Xavier's handwriting in which Mr. Xavier stated that unless the debtor agreed to pay him sixty per cent. he (Mr. Xavier) would not agree to the composition and would endeavour to have debtor sent to gaol.

Most Improper.

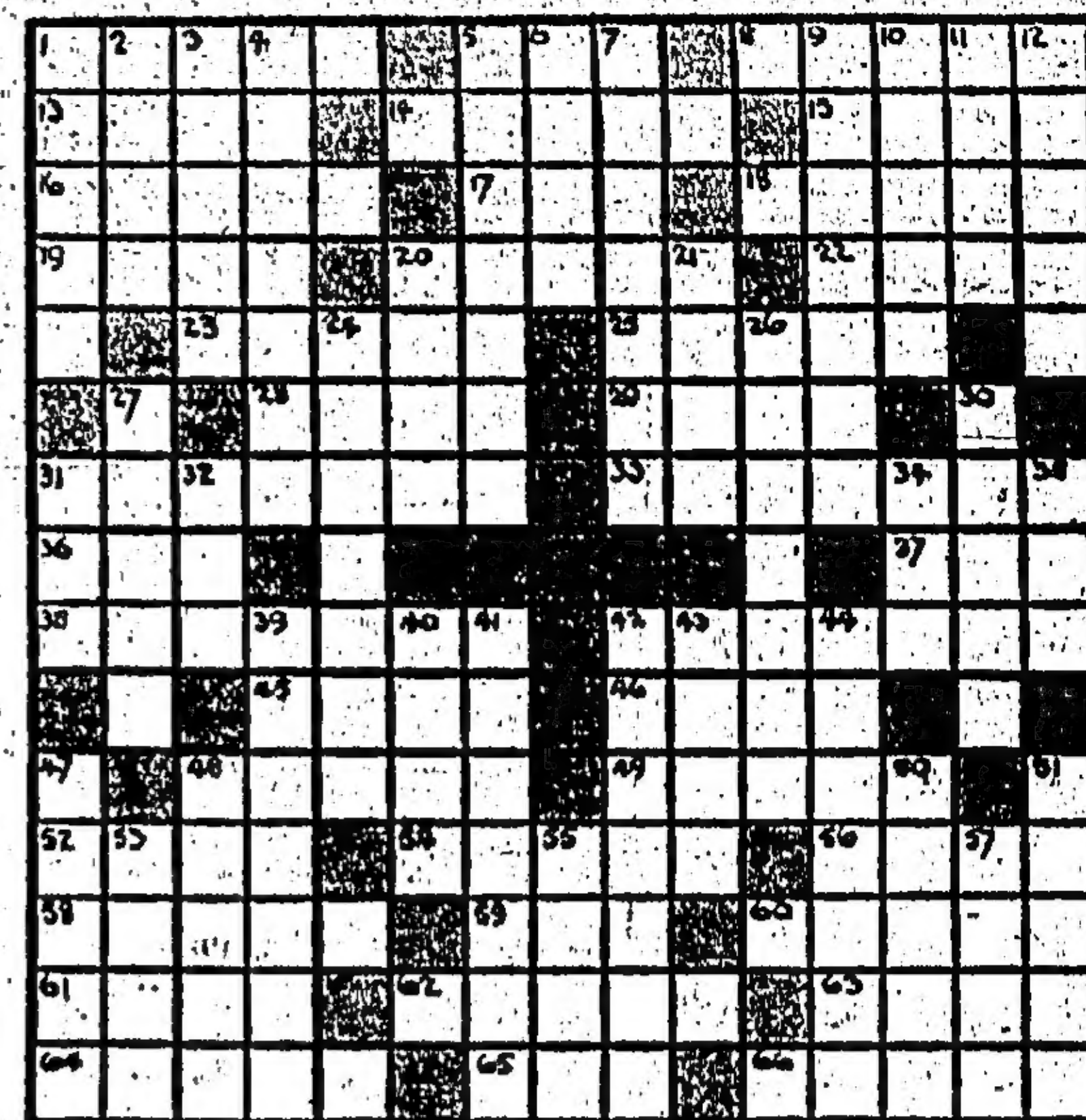
Whether or not this amounted to contempt of Court he (Mr. Agassiz) submitted that it was a most improper and absolutely unjust proceeding and he considered it was his duty to bring the facts before His Lordship before proceeding with the public examination.

His Lordship commented that the Official Receiver was perfectly right in so doing. It appeared to be an attempt at blackmail and was a most disgraceful procedure.

His Lordship then called on Mr. Xavier for an explanation.

Could not Assent.
Mr. Xavier admitted that the letter was written by him and that he had originally assented to the composition but stated that he approached the Official Receiver subsequently and told him he could not assent. He received a letter from Lee and Russ on January 28 calling a meeting of

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Not new.
- 5 It is (Contraction).
- 8 Thoughts.
- 13 Borrow for temporary use at a price.
- 14 Metallic veins.
- 15 Noise in the bronchial tubes.
- 16 Perfect.
- 17 Grief.
- 18 Bet.
- 19 Paruse.
- 20 Old sailors (Colloq.).
- 22 Joy.
- 23 Part.
- 25 Line of shrubbery.
- 28 Rustic pipe.
- 29 Nobleman.
- 31 Decreases.
- 33 Hardened.
- 38 Exist.
- 37 Prophet.
- 39 Slender (Arch.).
- 42 Boon forth.
- 45 Singing.
- 46 Beautiful garden.
- 48 Young male attendants.
- 49 Treadle.
- 52 An equal.
- 54 Spoken of silk (surg.).
- 58 Organ of smell.
- 59 Rub out.
- 60 Resident of convent.
- 62 Turkish court of justice.
- 61 Coral.
- 62 Piece of metal with spiral ridge.
- 63 Corrow.
- 64 Respecting.
- 65 Entirely.
- 66 Ancient stringed musical instrument.

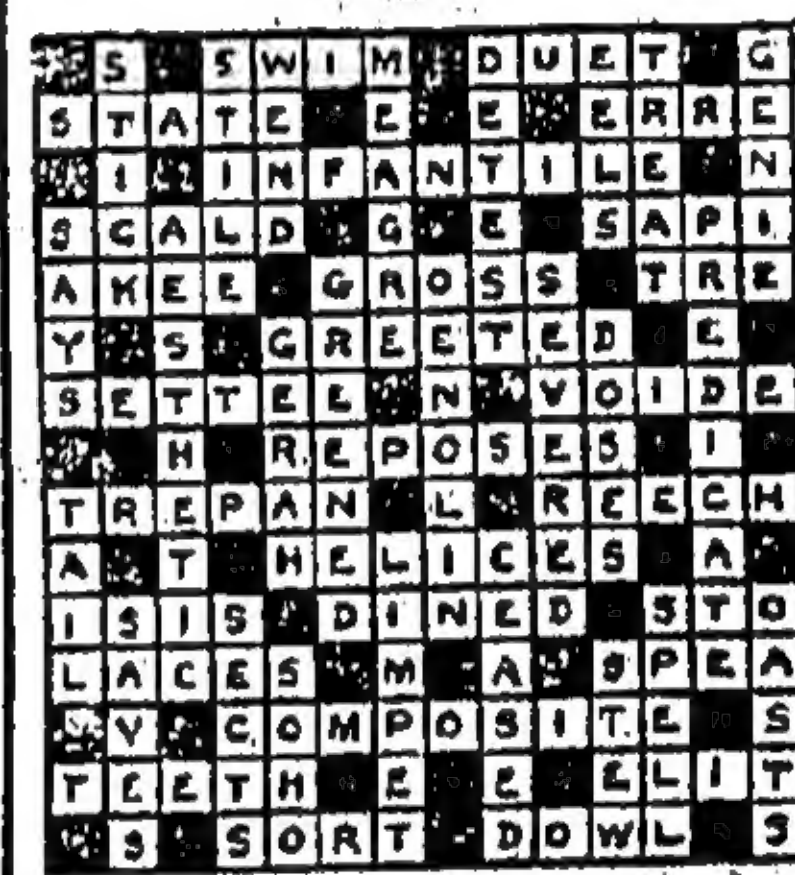
Down.

- 1 County.
- 2 Rising and falling of sea.
- 3 Spaces.
- 4 Guides.
- 5 In the direction of.
- 6 Image.

7 Bells.

- 9 Drabble.
- 10 Bird of prey.
- 11 On the sheltered side.
- 12 Withered.
- 20 Porcelain.
- 21 Chair.
- 24 Changing direction.
- 26 Feared.
- 27 Pulp fruit.
- 30 Skins.
- 31 Dawdle.
- 32 Ocean.
- 34 Field.
- 35 Cease to live.
- 38 Roughen.
- 40 Dregs.
- 41 Sent.
- 42 Replaces (Scotch).
- 43 British Port on Red Sea.
- 44 Silliness.
- 47 Musical play.
- 48 Quiet.
- 50 Woollen.
- 51 Dolls.
- 53 Ireland.
- 55 Revolve.
- 57 Mentally sound.

Saturday's Puzzle.



EXPLORING TIBET.

RUSSIAN EXPEDITION TO SET OUT SHORTLY.

Moscow, Feb. 4.
The Russian Geographical Society has organised an expedition to Central Asia, under the famous explorer Kozlov, to study the Tibet tableland, and investigate the sources of the Yangtze River. The expedition will probably last three years.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Feb. 4.
Mr. Edwardes arrived from Peking this afternoon on the S.S. Dairen Maru.—Reuter.

graciously indeed, trying to get an advantage over the rest of the creditors after having agreed to accept composition on the lines proposed. I think the less you say about the matter the better. It is not legal blackmail but it is conduct of the most reprehensible and most improper character and you had better be careful. You can sit down now. I think I have heard enough."

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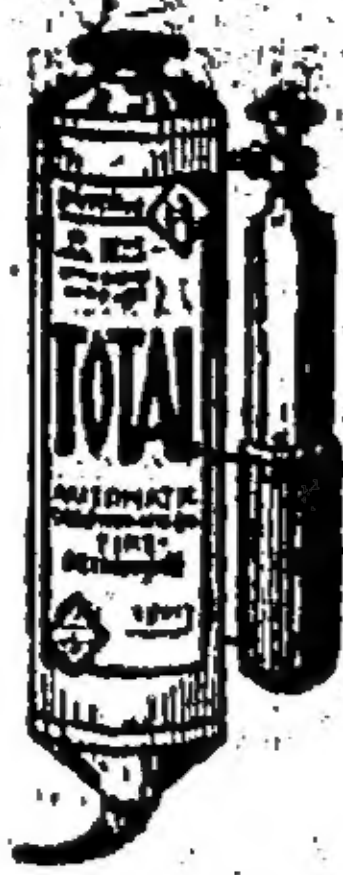
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THE INDIAN COMMISSION.

The hostile reception which has been given to the Simon Commission on landing in India is undoubtedly the outstanding news of the past week, and is of such a nature as to cause serious reflection regarding the wisdom of those responsible for the personnel of which it is composed. When the names of the Commissioners were first announced there were immediate objections throughout India, on the ground that the Commission contained no Indian representation; and, although Mr. Stanley Baldwin went to great pains (with obviously real sincerity) to explain that the Commission was to be a British parliamentary one for the purpose of obtaining an independent and impartial report on the working of the reforms introduced under the Government of India Act, the protests from India grew not only in volume but also more widely representative. A boycott of the Commission was declared by some of the leading parties, and now that the Commission has landed in India that boycott is being demonstrated in the peculiarly Indian way of declaring a hartal in the leading cities. Unfortunately, as nearly always happens on such occasions in India where hot-heads easily get uncontrollably hot, there have been clashes with the police, and the communal peace of Calcutta and Madras particularly has been once again violently disturbed. No more regrettable reception could have been given to the Commission, which, in spite of the brave optimism of its Chairman, Sir John Simon, is certain to be influenced in some measure by what promises to be stormy conditions.

At the time the Commission was appointed it did seem to outsiders, after the Prime Minister's careful explanation, that it had been chosen on right lines, but, in view of what is happening to-day, one is entitled to question the wisdom of those who tendered the advice upon which Mr. Baldwin acted. British statesmen in India and Whitehall might have foreseen the effect of a purely English Commission. Before the Commission was appointed, India was enjoying a period of comparative peace, and although Indian opinion on the need of a Commission was divided, the majority had accepted the idea that it was more or less inevitable. They were only interested in what would be its personnel and methods. There were,

however, many of the more "forward" politicians who could see no use in a Commission which was to collect evidence already in existence and at the disposal of any Government with the will to act. The line of least resistance (and also, possibly, of greatest advantage as regards keeping India peaceful) would have been the appointment of a small Indian and English Commission on the lines desired by those Indian politicians who had co-operated in working the 1919 Act and its reforms. It must be remembered that so far as many highly-educated Indians are concerned the Reform scheme treated Indians somewhat like a set of school-boys who had to be cajoled up periodically for examination in the gentle art of growing fit for self-government, and that they were intolerant of this fact. But many of them, keen constitutionalists, loyally accepted the idea, and were prepared to greet a mixed travelling Commission making contacts with all types and, from the lessons of their daily intercourse, evolving some sane commonsense views on the main problems at issue. Mr. Baldwin was advised, however, to appoint only an English Commission and the effect has been to alienate many who would have been valuable co-operators. His action can perhaps, be justified as "logically correct," but it has proved to be entirely free from human understanding. There has been keen disappointment, and especially so because the leaders of the British parliamentary parties (including Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) have supported the Premier's choice. Many Indians of moderate views have been forced into opposition because they themselves, in India, can so inadequately argue in favour of no India representation on what is viewed as an examining body. We entertain no doubts as to the impartiality and ability of the Simon Commission, but we are left wondering whether the British Government was correctly advised when it decided to leave Indians entirely off a Commission that, no matter how carefully chosen, was widely viewed as unnecessary.

The "Flapper Vote."

It is clear from Mr. Winston Churchill's references at Birmingham to the General Election question that the Baldwin Government intends running practically the whole term permitted under the Parliament Act. Until quite recently, the opinion was fairly widespread that it might appeal to the country for a fresh vote of confidence either this summer or autumn, relying on its record abroad and on such popular measures of domestic legislation as the lowering of the age for old-age pensions to secure support at the polls. But it is now made clear that the Government wishes first to enfranchise some millions of women who at present are without the vote. On this question there has been considerable diversity of opinion. Indeed, many Conservatives are opposed to the proposal, possibly because they fear it may benefit Labour more than their own party, but we imagine that the Government has examined the probabilities in this regard and has come to the conclusion that such a fear is unfounded. Viewed from one standpoint, it does appear somewhat anomalous that mere youths should get the vote whilst many women of equal and even greater intelligence, who are paying big sums in rates and taxes, should be denied the right to express their political preferences at the poll. All the same, it is perhaps to be expected that there should be some objections to the wholesale enfranchisement of women. The view has been put forward in some quarters that it would be preferable to restrict, rather than extend the franchise, and one proposal made in this connexion is that neither men nor women should get the vote until they are twenty-five years of age, at least. This could be done by immediately lowering the age for women to that figure and not permitting the registration of new male voters until they had reached that age. In the meantime, of course, there would be quite a number of existing male voters below that limit on the register, but inside four years at the most the position would be regularised. However, in these democratic days we can hardly imagine any Government coming forward with such a proposal, although there is something to be said for the argument that at present too many irresponsible youths are given the privilege of the Parliamentary vote.

DAY BY DAY.

WHILE SELFISHNESS MAY BE THE LAW OF NATURE, IT IS NOT, FOR ALL THAT, THE LAW OF HUMANITY.—*Ferdinand Branciere.*

The R.I. s.s. Tilawa, from Singapore, is due here on Thursday.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony over the weekend.

The P. and O. s.s. Morea, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 3rd February at 8 a.m.

The Empress of Australia, now on a world tour, left Singapore on Friday at 7 a.m. and is due at Manila at the same hour on Tuesday.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, will probably arrive in Hongkong on his official visit earlier than expected. He may reach here about the 18th instant.

Whilst workmen were engaged in erecting the granite war memorial to Chinese seamen at the "Public Gardens" this morning, one of the big stone blocks slipped and crashed into the gates, doing some damage.

Geh. Chiang Kai-shek has telegraphed to the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, stating that he already has wired to Gen. Chang Tingfan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, ordering him to continue in office.

Messrs. Brewer and Company have been notified that, as from the 1st instant, the price of the Saturday Evening Post has been raised from 5 cents (gold) to 25 cents (gold), and that the publication will only be supplied to subscribers.

The Trustees of the Mosque and Guardians of the Mohammedan Cemetery are sending out a circular to members of the Muslim community reminding them that the Mohammedan Subarat (All Souls' Day) will fall to-morrow, (throughout the world) will offer prayers for their dead.

The attention of cinema-goers is drawn to the fact that special times have been arranged for "The Gaucho," Douglas Fairbanks' new picture, which begins a run of five days at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. These special times are 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30, and the picture begins promptly after the overture.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Ghangha, Kailjo Maru, Tjikembang, Takulima Maru, Malwa, Celebes Maru, Rollo, Telemachus, Anting, Tonkin, Seiyu Maru, Kidderpore, Szechuen, Tjibodas, Chinnua, Hainan, Tai Maru, City of Benares, Atlas Maru and Selene.

The s.s. King Ning, arriving from Wuchow, reports that a member of the crew was seized by the local authorities on a charge of salt smuggling, and, after being beaten with bamboo, was removed to the local yamen in irons. A steward who was despatched ashore to effect a release, if possible, was also seized and the vessel was compelled to sail without either.

The week-end Harbour Office reports gave 21 arrivals and 35 departures, leaving 65 vessels in harbour, British 27. The returns for this morning gave 10 arrivals and 13 departures, with British recording the best arrivals and Japanese the highest departures. Tonnage was fair, with the highest inward freights on foreign vessels, while British through freights were the best of the day.

A Filipino student of the Hongkong University, was robbed of \$374 on Saturday in a peculiar manner. He received a remittance of \$375 for his fees during the morning from a local bank. Putting the money in an envelope he proceeded to the Queen's Theatre where he extracted a \$5 note to pay for a seat which he booked. He received \$4 change which he replaced in the envelope. Later he studied the hangings in the theatre and eventually proceeded to the Star Ferry Wharf, where he discovered that his pocket had been slit and the envelope with its contents stolen. A report was made to the police yesterday.

Among the passengers leaving Hongkong on the P. and O. s.s. Malwa on Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Anslow, Lieut.-Comdr. Bishop, Lieut. W. G. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chevalier, Lieut.-Comdr. Garvey, Capt. G. C. Howd, Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Hunt, Lieut. D. C. Ingram, Lieut. R. McP. Jones, Rev. P. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kirby, Lieut. F. D. Lpsecombe, Lieut. P. T. A. Love, Mr. F. P. Milne, Mrs. A. Murdoch, Mr. F. W. Pilcher, the Shanghai Interpreter, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stewart, Mr. G. A. Stimson, Surg. Lieut. Comdr. Tighe, Lieut. C. S. B. Turnbull and Lieut. B. D. Wadkins.

MADRAS BOYCOTT.

COMPLETE BUT PEACEFUL
HARTAL.

Madras, Feb. 5.
The Propaganda Committee organising the boycotting of the Statutory Commission headed by Sir John Simon, has unanimously decided to call a complete, but peaceful, hartal on the day of the Commission's arrival in Madras.

No meeting or processions will be held, so as to avoid the possibility of any disturbance.—*Reuter.*

Meeting with Members of
Indian Legislature.

New Delhi, Feb. 4.
The Simon Commission has arrived here, being received by Mr. Cunningham, the private secretary to the Viceroy, and Mr. Cromar, the Home Member.

Forty members of the Indian Legislature were introduced to the Commissioners, who conversed with them for half an hour.

Sir John Simon, interviewed by *Reuter*, said that he had received 300 telegrams of welcome to India. "I have brought my team here very fit and intact."

The Commissioners are residing at a hotel alongside the members of the Legislature.—*Reuter.*

Madras Unrest.

Madras, Feb. 4.
Mr. Venkatarama Sastry, the Advocate General, was mobbed and seriously injured.

Moslems are reported to have assaulted Hindus last night, but quiet has been restored.—*Reuter.*

Arrests of Students.

Calcutta, Feb. 4.
The Commissioner of Police, interviewed by *Reuter*, stated that a large percentage of police were injured in the encounter with students yesterday.

Hitherto 80 students have been arrested, but most of them have been released on bail.—*Reuter.*

Statement to Press.

London, Feb. 4.
Sir John Simon and the other members of the Statutory Commission arrived at Bombay yesterday. Sir John Simon issued a statement to the Press in the following terms:

"My colleagues and I set foot in India, deeply impressed with the responsibility of our task, and resolved to devote all our energy and goodwill to its discharge."

Constitutional progress in British India essentially depends on friendly and sincere co-operation of Indian and British representatives, but it is manifest that there exists at the moment, in some quarters, a widespread misunderstanding as to what the Commission is setting out to do, and uncertainty respecting the methods it proposes to employ. We shall make it our business, without delay, to remove misapprehensions, and after reaching Delhi and becoming more acquainted with the actual situation, we intend to make a statement of proposed procedure, which should leave no ground for the suspicions which have unfortunately arisen. We mean to take the fullest opportunities open to us for consultation with Indian representatives, who are willing to meet us, both during our preliminary visit and when we return for our longer visit in October.—*British Wireless.*

LOCAL RADIO.
ANOTHER TRIAL TEST FOR
TO-NIGHT.
There will be another trial transmission of a radio programme by the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee this evening, at 6.15, on a wave-length of 340.
As on previous occasions, listeners are asked to send in reports as to the results achieved, particularly the strength and clarity of the reception.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 5.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.5834
Amsterdam	12.091
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	24.675
Helsinki	19.34
Lisbon	2.5/16
Bucharest	705
Buenos Aires	477
Shanghai	2.04
Yokohama	1.11/16
New York	4.87 5/16
Geneva	24.82
Milan	92.10
Stockholm	18.144
Oslo	18.32
Prague	1044
Madrid	28.60
Athens	8074
Bombay	5.59/64
Hongkong	1/8
Silver (spot)	2/04
Silver (forward)	2/4

The Very Idea!

She—"So your poor old Uncle Joseph is dead? Dear, dear! Was he in full possession of his faculties when he died?"
He—"We don't know yet. The will is to be read this afternoon."

A story from Cape Town takes a high place among the improbabilities—

Storms of such violence have been experienced in the high veld lately that the unusual sight of thousands of fish lying killed by hail after the river Beabok had overflowed its banks were seen.

It is a doom which could not have been conceived by the profoundest of Rupert Brooke's fish-philosophers, any more than it could occur to the most learned of cows that she was the grandmother of a stillborn. Perhaps the end of the world will be something like that—hail from a fourth dimension.

Kingsland man at Shoreditch, speaking of his neighbour: He bought a motor-car and thought he had bought the street.

Hackney landlady at Shoreditch (complaining of her lodger): I call her a vulgar lady.

Woman at Willesden: Yes, I must have been drunk, because I walked into the police station and told them so.

Witness at Mansfield, Notts: I told him he had no licence to use a licence that was not a licence.

Mr. Cairns, the Thames magistrate (to an applicant): If you can tell me how to stop a woman's tongue, I shall be eternally grateful to you.

Plainful, at Clerkenwell County Court: Drink is a luxury, after all.

Fame is cheap today in St. Helena, and the local Housing Committee has named three local streets after local pressmen—Inman-avenue, Reynolds-avenue, and Mathers-avenue. Further, "the Town Clerk (Mr. W. H. Andrew) compromised by consenting to an avenue being known as St. Andrew's-avenue."

When before did a Town Clerk reach the stage of beatification?

More school-boy howlers:
The Greenwich Meridian is the largest telescope in Greenwich Observatory.

A welsher is a native of Wales. The sun never sets on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the east and the sun set in the west.

The Minister of War is the clergyman who preaches to the soldiers in the barracks.

A passive verb is when the subject is the sufferer, as "I am loved."

A blizzard is the inside of a duck.

Queen Elizabeth rode through Coventry with nothing on, and Raleigh offered her his cloak.

Alfred the Great started a Chronicle and this still exists as a morning newspaper.

Shakespeare lived at Windsor with his merry wives.

A story told by Mr. James Kidd, M.P., at the House of Commons social meeting the other night:—"Well, John," said the minister, "and what brings you here at this time o' night?"

"It's like this, Minister," said John. "I'm in sair thoughts."

"And what's your trouble?" asked the minister.

"I was wonderin' if you could help me to reconcile freewill and predestination."

"You go away home and come back when you're sober and I'll tell you all about it."

"Come back when I'm sober!" exclaimed John. "When I'm sober I don't care a damn about it."

For 250 years King Charles I. has sat on his great bronze charger at Charing Cross gazing down Whitehall at the spot where he lost his head and unidentified so far as inscriptions are concerned.

But at last, on initiative of the Royal Martyr Society, the Office of Works has consented to the fixing of a tablet, with name and dates officially approved. This was agreed upon chiefly for the benefit of the increased number of tourists from the provinces and abroad who pass the statue every day and who, from their guide books or otherwise, may not be able to identify the unhappy monarch as he sits majestically with bared head.

A middle-aged man was recently charged with ringing a front-door bell, then running away. We understand that he had fully intended to have a tooth out.

Under the direction of Mr. Walter Sinclair, formerly of Hongkong, Thackeray's frolics pantomime, "The Rose and the Ring," was produced at the Little Theatre, Orleans, during the Christmas season. The Press notices stated that it was the happiest event in the Theatre's history, and paid a tribute to the beauty of the production.

EARL HAIG'S WAR SECRETS.

DEPOSITED IN BRITISH MUSEUM.

NOT TO BE DISCLOSED FOR TWELVE YEARS.

CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

London, Feb. 5. It is announced that Field Marshal Earl Haig's personal views of the conduct of the Great War will remain a close secret for the next twelve years.

Documents written and compiled by him have been deposited with the trustees of the British Museum and will not be opened until 1940. Mr. Julius Gilson, the Keeper of Manuscripts, at the British Museum, says that nobody knows what the documents really are or what they contain.

It is known, however, that Earl Haig, when Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, kept a diary in which he recorded daily the chief events, together with his personal views of the conduct of certain phases of the war.

Lying in State.

It is estimated that 150,000 people passed the body of Earl Haig, lying in state in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, yesterday.

—British Wireless.

Macao's Condolences.

H.E. the Governor of Hongkong has addressed the following letter to H.E. the Governor of Macao, under date of to-day:

Your Excellency: I have the honour to thank you most sincerely for the expression of condolence on the death of Field Marshal Earl Haig addressed to me by Your Excellency and the Garrison of Macao.

Such sentiments are the more appreciated since they come from our late comrades in arms—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant, (Sd.) C. CLEMENTI.

Borne on Gun-Carriage.

London, Feb. 4. Although it was after midnight when the special train carrying the body of the late Earl Haig arrived from London at Edinburgh, an immense silent crowd was present at the station, and en route to Saint Giles' Cathedral, along which it was borne on a gun-carriage escorted by troops and members of the British Legion.

The road was lined with thousands of spectators.

The coffin was placed in the chancel, where it will lie in state, and a guard was mounted.

On Tuesday, after a private service for relatives and friends, the coffin will be conveyed by road and rail to Dryburgh Abbey, where the interment will take place. During the last part of the journey it will be carried on a farm cart in charge of Remersyde employees.—British Wireless.

Impressive Scenes.

London, Feb. 4. There were most impressive scenes at Edinburgh on the arrival of Earl Haig's body at midnight. The procession to St. Giles' was watched by an immense multitude, and the only sounds disturbing the midnight calm were the tolling of bells throughout the city, the measured tread of the infantry, the muffled clatter of horses' feet, the tinkling of harness, and the bagpipes of Highlanders playing the "Flowers of the Forest."—Reuter.

BACK AGAIN.

BANISHEE WHO LIKES THE COLONY.

Charged with returning from banishment, a Chinese was sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning to twelve months' hard labour and twenty strokes.

The man's record showed that, as a boy, in 1914, he committed his first offence, for which he was given 10 strokes. In February, 1921, he was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour for larceny. In 1922, he spent four months in gaol, following which he was banished for ten years.

He returned to the Colony in 1923 and again in 1926 and 1927. For returning the first time, he was given nine months' hard labour. On his second return, he served a term of one year in prison and last year he was given nine months and twenty strokes. The present was his fourth return from banishment.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. D. H. Perry, engineer, A. P. C., North Point, to Miss G. M. Robinson, Station Hotel, Kowloon.

HOUSE BUILDING DISPUTE.

ARCHITECT SUES REGARDING 30 HOUSES.

ECHO OF THE BOOM.

Before Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. E. D. Shank, managing director of the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., claimed \$9,751, in respect of architectural services, from Louis Lunz, 9, Connaught Road. The claim dealt with a proposal to construct thirty houses in Kowloon in 1924. The plaintiff suggested that at the time of the building boom the defendant was anxious to go on with the work, but afterwards endeavoured to repudiate the arrangement.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. was for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for the defendant.

Mr. Alabaster indicated the services in respect of which the claim was made, giving dates of visits to the P.W.D., surveying of site, preparation of site plan, and lay-out plan for thirty houses, sketch plan, working drawings etc.

Plan Disapproved.

Defendant denied, in his statement of defence, continued Mr. Alabaster, that he employed the plaintiff as architect, stating that in August, 1924, he agreed with plaintiff as to the fee to be charged by him in respect of the preparation of plans and specifications of the houses to be erected on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 54, and as to the work to be covered by such fee. The statement of defence went on to state that defendant did not approve of the sketch plan which, on his instructions, the plaintiff submitted and defendant returned it for alteration and re-submission, since when he had not seen it again. He had never given instruction for the work done other than the preparation of the sketch plan and did not admit that such work had, in fact, been done. None was necessary for the preparation of the sketch plan.

Defendant, indicated Mr. Alabaster, was prepared to pay \$500 only for the work he stated he had authorised to be done.

Counsel referred to considerable correspondence which had passed and indicated that a further offer by the plaintiff relative to fees was made in July, 1924, plaintiff indicating that he was prepared to undertake the architectural work in connexion with the erection of the houses at three per cent. of the total cost of construction, the fee not to include supervision.

A written confirmation was received from the defendant the next month which, apart from any other evidence, counsel claimed, was sufficient for the plaintiff's case.

Out of Friendship.

In his reply, the defendant stated that he found the cost exceeded that of other architectural fees, but he would accept it view of the close friendship, existing between the parties, the price to include any other alteration effected after the plans had been approved.

In March, 1925, plaintiff sent defendant a bill in which, fees were agreed at two per cent. of total cost. In the early autumn, defendant had an interview with the plaintiff in which he stated that he had changed his mind about the type of houses to be erected and instead of wishing them to be tenement houses he wanted plaintiff to prepare a new set of plans for the new type of houses, the fees for old and new type to be agreed on later. Defendant was to return in a fortnight and give instructions in respect of the new proposal.

As defendant did not put in a reappearance, a letter was written by plaintiff's solicitors, setting out the claim now made. The answer of the defendant was to the effect that general working plans were never authorised at all, only the preparation of the sketch plan. The sketch plan, continued counsel, was only part of the general plans prepared by plaintiff.

The Whole Trouble.

Plaintiff considered the charges made, reasonable. The whole trouble, stated counsel, was due to the fact that plaintiff was anxious to get on with the work so long as the building boom lasted but, towards the end of 1924 and beginning of 1925 when the building in the Colony had overtaken the demand he decided it would be more advantageous to let these houses as tenement houses. Now he stated he knew nothing about it.

Counsel further added that now the defendant had lost the land altogether, the Government having resumed possession, but they were not connected with that.

The hearing of evidence was then proceeded with, Mr. E. D. Shank being called as to negotiations between the parties. The case is proceeding.

CHINA'S TREATY CLAIMS.

DR. C. C. WU APPEALS TO AMERICA.

DENIAL OF SPLIT BETWEEN NANKING & CANTON.

SOCIALISM PREACHED.

Expressing the hope that the United States will be the first nation to initiate steps towards the cancellation of the so-called unequal treaties between China and the foreign Powers, Dr. C. C. Wu, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nanking, delivered an address at the reception given by the Manila Chinese community at the Oriental Club last Wednesday. Dr. Wu spoke in English on the negotiation of new treaties for the Nanking Nationalist Government.

While disclaiming any authority to negotiate treaties with the Governments of the foreign countries his party will visit on their tour, Dr. Wu declared that if the foreign countries started negotiations with a view to making new treaties, the members of his party would greatly appreciate such treatment.

With the spacious hall of the Oriental Club almost full to capacity, the banquet tendered by the Chinese community in honour of the three visitors, was considered the greatest one in the history of local Chinese social gatherings. Mr. Henry Uy Choy Yee, President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, presided and after making a brief address of welcome, introduced as the first speaker of the gathering, Mr. Wu Han Min, ex-chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Nanking Nationalist Government, a noted scholar and revolutionist writer who worked side by side with Dr. Sun Yat-sen during the revolutionary days when the Manchu dynasty was overthrown, and who was considered as one of the most active and oldest members of the Kuomintang.

Not Equally Treated.

Mr. Wu expressed his satisfaction over the progress made by the members of the Kuomintang party in Manila. He dwelt on the subject of the Kuomintang ideals in their present fight to maintain the three peoples' principles of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. He asserted that the Chinese people were not equally treated, not only by their northern brothers, but by foreigners, especially in economic, political and national affairs. He finally expressed the hope that the Kuomintangs in Manila will prosper, and the whole Chinese community as well as the Filipinos, Americans and other nationalities will co-operate for the advancement of mankind. Mr. Wu spoke in Mandarin.

Differences Denied.

The last speaker of the evening was Mr. Sun Fo, ex-Minister of Finance and son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Mr. Sun spoke in English. He denied the reports that there were differences between the Governments of Canton and Nanking. He said that Nanking and Canton had the same government based upon the principles of the Nationalist party—the Kuomintang—and were fighting side by side for the same cause. He affirmed that there are at present two distinct Governments in China—one in Peking, controlled by the corrupt Northern militarists and the other in Nanking. The Nanking Government is the one which represents the Kuomintang party and which has always been fighting the Northern militarists in the North from the tyrannical yoke of Chang Tso-lin.

The Peking Government, he further asserted, controls only two provinces out of the eighteen which compose China proper and its sovereignty does not pass beyond the Great Wall; while the Nanking Government controls sixteen provinces out of the eighteen.

Not Bolsheviki.

The contention that the Nationalist armies are under the control of only one man is not true, Mr. Sun Fo said, as they are all under the Nationalist party. Of course, the supervision of these armies lies in the hands of one of the greatest Nationalist leaders, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, an active and loyal member of the Kuomintang. He further made a strong denial of the reports that the Kuomintang is a Bolshevik or Communist Party. "Like other organizations of all nations, they have also several Communist members in their ranks, but I assure you that the Nationalist Party is not a Bolshevik or a Communist organization," he said.

The Three Principles.

Nationalism in China today advocates three principles as taught (Continued on Page 11.)

SHANGHAI CRIME WAVE.

CHINESE TO FORM FORCE FOR SELF-PROTECTION.

NECESSARY MEASURE.

The question of the alarming increase in the number of robberies was brought up for discussion at the meeting last week of the Shanghai Chinese Ratepayers' Association of the French Concession. Those present averred that the robbers were becoming more daring as each day passed and that they held up pedestrians and looted homes with impunity. It was equally as dangerous to go about the streets as it was to remain at home.

In spite of the fact that the police force had increased, the miscreants were as bold as ever, so it devolved upon the residents to take all necessary measures for their self-protection.

With this idea in view, therefore, they decided to form a self-protective force, a preliminary office for which will be established in the near future. Messrs. Tu Yueh-sung, Chang Shau-ling, Shiang Yung-chow, and Ching Chu-sun were elected to take charge of the affairs in this connexion.

Another matter brought up for discussion were the lotteries. It was pointed out that certain unscrupulous persons were re-opening these places and, as they had already caused the people so much suffering in the past, it was decided that they should not be allowed to resume their old practices. The French Consul-General was to be informed of this decision.

DANGEROUS GOODS.

KEROSENE IN A CROWDED ANCHORAGE.

TWO SERIOUS CASES.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, two masters of Japanese motor boats were charged with having on board dangerous goods, to wit, kerosene, in a place other than the Dangerous Goods Anchorage. Heavy fines were inflicted.

Lam Tai Kwong, master of the Japanese motor boat Shin Maru, with at anchor in Shaukiwan Bay, with 1,380 tins of kerosene on board.

Defendant pleaded guilty and stated that he had anchored for shelter.

Police evidence was to the effect that the boat was moored within 10 yards of other junks.

His Worship, commenting on the general disregard of regulations by masters of boats, said: "This is a very very serious offence endangering other people and might cause the forfeiting of their lives."

A fine of \$100 with the alternative of two months' hard labour was inflicted.

Shum Leo Yuen, master of the Japanese motor boat Zem Patsu, was charged with a similar offence in respect of 800 tins of kerosene in the same anchorage, and pleaded guilty.

The police officer in charge of the case stated that this vessel also was anchored in close proximity to other craft.

A similar fine and alternative was inflicted.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. To what value was property in London insured against fire in last year?
2. What remarkable theory about light is now engaging the attention of scientists?
3. What famous poet's letter has recently been sold for \$5,000?
4. Where in the heart of fashionable London is there a relic of the times when it was a highwayman's headquarters?
5. Where has a royal museum with a cup of gold recently been situated?
6. What edifying significance originally attached to the term "Jolnap"? and applied to whom?
7. Where have volucers representing \$5,000,000 of public loan recently been destroyed by fire?
8. What famous book, stolen in 1843, has come into the possession of the London Guildhall?
9. How many Akas are there in London, excluding the City?
10. What are the lowest and highest aeroplane speed records?
11. What was the date of the first Sunday Christmas of this era?

MRS. FORESTIER'S MURDER.

APPEAL AGAINST THE SENTENCE.

DEATH THE ONLY ADEQUATE PENALTY.

POLICE OBJECTIONS.

An appeal brought by the Shanghai police against the sentence of 16 years' imprisonment imposed on Tsen Shau-ling, a hawk, on a charge of murder in connexion with the death of Mrs. Forestier, was heard in the Appellate Division of the Provisional Court, on Wednesday last before Judges Ziar (presiding), Chiu and Tsan, and Mr. C. E. Whitmore, the Senior Consul's Deputy.

Mr. E. T. Maitland stated that in a case of such a serious nature—a brutal murder—the only adequate sentence was death. Accused was charged, together with another man and also a third person not in custody, with the murder of a foreign lady, Mrs. Forestier.

The other person charged was an ex-coolie employed by Mrs. Forestier in her house in Avenue Haig. He had been dismissed about the middle of October, and, according to the evidence, he had been told by Mrs. Forestier's boy to come for his money on November 2.

The Circumstances.

The coolie went to Mrs. Forestier's house, when she was alone, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and he took the accused and a third party with him. Why should the coolie, when he had been told that he would get his money on November 2, take the other two men to collect it? There could be no possible reason except that he took them with the intention of "beating up" the deceased out of revenge for his dismissal. There was no possible reason for accused to have gone: he was a hawk and had nothing at all to do with Mrs. Forestier, and the evidence showed that Mrs. Forestier was attacked and injured with an axe, and that also a knife was used on that occasion.

Contention of Equal Guilt.

After the murder, accused went upstairs and stole \$400 from a drawer, and he admitted that he actually received at least \$100.

According to the evidence of the coolie, the accused and the third man also attacked Mrs. Forestier. Accused admitted being sent, but said that he only stood in the doorway. Counsel respectfully suggested to the Court, that, if three went into a house, murdered a woman and stole \$400, it was immaterial who struck the blow: they were all equally guilty. They would hear from the doctor that the murder was of a singularly brutal and ferocious nature.

It was a matter of not only one man having struck the blow: accused was standing in the room near by with the third man, and they aided and supported the man who struck the blows. The coolie said that Mrs. Forestier took up the axe, and he had taken it away from her and hit her. She then took a knife out of a drawer and, as far as the evidence went, apparently succeeded in wounding the coolie on the wrist.

The coolie had stated that he had hit deceased with the axe and she had fallen to the ground, and then he further stated that accused and the third man also struck Mrs. Forestier.

No Mitigation.

Witness was not asking the Court to accept the coolie's evidence against accused, but it must be true. However, it made no difference: three people were there when the coolie struck and injured Mrs. Forestier and stole \$400 and a watch. Under the circumstances, witness suggested that there could not be any mitigation. In saying, "I did not strike the blow: the other person did it."

Judge Ziar said that, according to Chinese law, when any offence involved a penalty above the third degree and defendant was too poor to engage counsel, the Court would appoint a lawyer to appear for him. That had been done in the present case, but, for some unaccountable reason, counsel had not put in an appearance, so, in order not to give defendant any grounds for objection, the case would be adjourned to February 15th.

The Court requested that deceased's boy, and the other man already sentenced to death, should be brought up at the next hearing.

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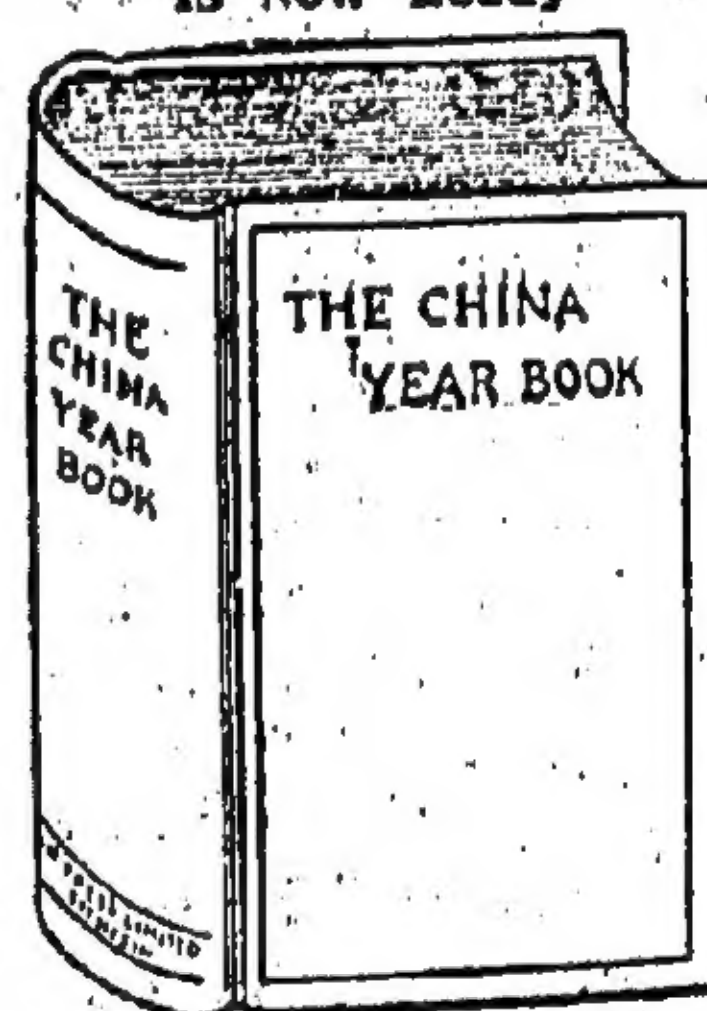
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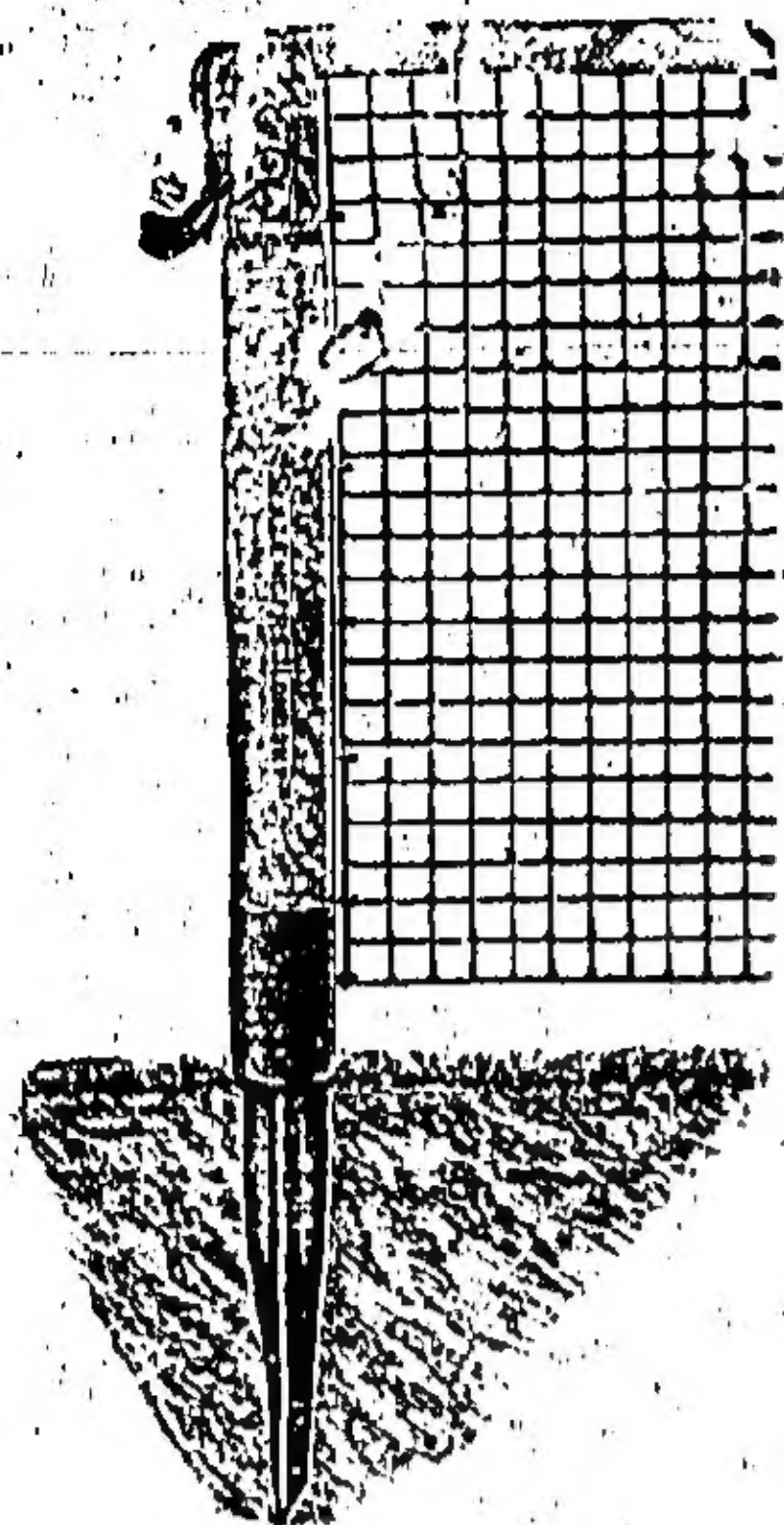
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BROKEN.SATURDAY'S SOCCER
SURPRISES.

KOWLOON'S GREAT WIN.

[By "Wanderer"]

A remarkable record, extending over a season and a half, went by the board on Saturday, when the Chinese Athletic Reserves forced a draw with the K.O.S.B. Reserves. It was the first time that the Borderers Reserves had failed to win in a competitive game under the auspices of the Hongkong Football Association.

In the Senior Division there was one surprise, the victory of Kowloon over the Queen's Royal Regiment. Had Sims been playing, the result might have been expected, but they lacked his services, and won with a forward, Tiernan, playing in the half-back line.

Defences prevailed in two matches, neither of the Chinese teams succeeding in scoring, with the R.A.F. and the Scots Guards were in the same boat. The Borderers defeated the Club by two clear goals.

The full results are as follows:

Senior Division.			
K.F.F.C.	0	K.O.S.B.	2
South China	0	R.A.F.	4
Scots Guards	0	Chinese Ath.	0
Kowloon	4	Queen's	3

Junior Division "A."			
K.D.S.B. Res.	1	Chinese Ath.	1
Kowloon	1	University	1
S. China "B"	0	R.A. Res.	4
S. China "A"	2	St. Joseph's	5

KOWLOON FINDS A SCORING FORWARD.

The first League match in which Northey played for Kowloon proved a personal triumph. The centre-forward scored three capital goals, the more meritorious because he played the principal role in the construction of the opening, while when Muir's enterprise took the goal-keeper, Rowbottom, by surprise with the result that the ball was turned and was slowly trickling into goal, Northey made quite certain of its destination, by applying a final touch which nearly burst the back of the net.

This particular goal, which equalised the scores in the second half, was illustrative of Northey's real value to Kowloon. He was always to be found in the right place at the right time, exerting considerable pressure on the backs—and his speed made them always very wary—while he distributed the ball to his wings in delightful style. Apart from his value as a goal-scorer he has imparted a life in the Kowloon forward line, hitherto absent; and when Sims is fit again, Kowloon will once again be strong contenders for Shield honours.

Three times in the course of Saturday's game, the Queen's secured the lead, and three times Kowloon equalised. Some twenty minutes before the end, the home side took the lead for the first time, Northey accepting a through pass by McKelvie, resisting Jude's challenge and scoring a smart goal. The Queen's made strenuous efforts to get on terms, but the Kowloon defence held out. Angus made a brilliant save from Herdridge some seven minutes from the end, diving at full length to turn a fast shot round the post for a corner.

On the whole, the Queen's were a trifle unlucky to surrender both points, but their half-backs and forwards were inclined to overdo elaboration, and the side paid the penalty.

Barclay scored when the game was but a few minutes old. Northey equalised ten minutes later after spirited play by Kowloon, and shortly afterwards a hotly disputed penalty was conceded by Kowloon, Caldecott netting with ease from the spot. Kowloon were persistent and Northey scored the equaliser before the interval.

In the second half, the Queen's had gone ahead once again before one had time to realise that the game had recommenced. Almost direct from the kick-off the forwards worked down in great style, and Herdridge scored with a delightful shot from a difficult angle. Kowloon made several strong bursts and eventually Muir robbed the goalkeeper and turned the ball

into goal, Northey making quite certain of the score.

A great fight followed for the winning goal. A fine individual spurt by Northey was the climax to a capital all-round display. Rowbottom had not the slightest chance with the shot.

The Kowloon defence showed up strongly in the closing stages, playing determinedly against a clever line of forwards. Many corners were conceded but the ball was always safely cleared eventually, and with a dashing forward line to carry the ball forward, the Queen's found they could not have matters quite their own way.

It was a capital game, fought out in a capital spirit. Wheeler and Dodson were better as a pair than the Queen's backs, while Hedly and McKelvie showed up prominently in the half-back line. Tiernan, in a strange position certainly gave nothing away for want of trying. He was hard-working, giving Evans and Richardson little time for contemplation.

Northey was the outstanding forward, but all played well with the exception of Miles, who was below form. Opposed to Burn, the outstanding Queen's half-back, he found headway very difficult, though from him too there were flashes of brightness.

The Queen's half-backs were the most consistent part of the side. The forwards were clever, but erratic, while the backs, Jude and Bunn, were clean in their kicking, but not nearly so effective in their tackling as the Kowloon pair.

Another Draw With the Chinese.

The Scots Guards, the only side to take a point from the Chinese Athletic, tried hard to improve upon that performance in the return game, but had to rest content with a similar result. Neither side succeeded in penetrating the opposing defence.

There is little doubt the Chinese Athletic are a trifle stale after the Northern trip, and in the last twenty minutes of the game, the Guards could have forced a victory had they been less impetuous in the goalmouth. The game was interesting. Both goals had thrilling escapes, but it was marked chiefly by the erratic shooting of both teams.

At certain stages, it was inclined to become a little boisterous, but the players never got out of hand, and the infringements were seldom serious. The Guards played energetically but the Athletic half-backs were too strong for them.

The Borderers Win.

There was no doubting the merit of the K.O.S.B. victory over the Club. They were the better team throughout, and the score does not represent their forward superiority. Scott and Wallington were powerless to hold for any length of time the clever Alexander-McGlinchey wing, and it was from left that the chief source of trouble came.

The Rev. Alexander netted two goals in the second half, after the first thirty-five minutes had failed to produce a score for either side. Rodger had a busy afternoon and performed splendidly, saving shots from all angles, high and low.

Everest, Davey and McKnight assumed control of the game almost from the beginning and in addition to completely blocking the majority of the Club efforts at attack, they plied the forwards with capital passes. The forward quartette combined well, but were erratic in the goalmouth.

Another Goalless Draw.

The R.A.F. visiting Caroline Hill drew with South China, both sides failing to score. South China began in great style, but could not keep up the pace, and latterly the game favoured the Airman. Vernon missed a sitter on one occasion, but generally speaking the South China backs were in good fettle, Li Tin-sang showing up particularly prominently.

Mr. Thomas H. Solly, chairman of the Southminster (Essex) Magistrates, and of the Maldon Guardians, for many years one of the best known farmers in Essex, having farmed Murdon Hall, Maldon, which is 300 acres in extent, has given up farming. He has sold his farm and has been ordained a deacon by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Mr. Solly, who is aged 63, has taken up his duties as curate of Purleigh, near Chelmsford.

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Rangers	v	Motherwell.
Raith R.	v	Hearts.

FANLING HUNT POINT
TO POINT.GOOD SPORT AT LOKMACHAU
YESTERDAY.

Although the country was bad owing to the boggy state of the paddi fields, and though interest was somewhat lacking by reason of the nearness of the annual race meeting, those who participated in the Fanling Hunt Point-to-Point Races yesterday had some thoroughly enjoyable sport.

The distance was about five miles, and in the lightweight race the result was as follows:

Mr. Bolton	..... 1
Mr. Backhouse	..... 2
Mr. Scott Elliot	..... 3

The heavyweight race in which Mr. Macnamara, Mr. Crabbe and Mr. Watson had spills resulted:

Col. Hayley-Bell	..... 1
Mr. Beck	..... 2
Mr. Bayliss	..... 3

The races were held at Lokmachau, and the lightweight race provided a remarkably good finish.

Six Afghan students who recently arrived in London from Kabul to study police methods will shortly leave to undergo a course of training at Birmingham.

SIGN. MORRIS'S
VICTORY.WINS BY BOXING
A FIGHTER.

REVERSALS OF FORM.

[By "Wanderer"]

Exhibiting a wholesome respect for his opponent's fighting abilities and boxing him coolly and confidently through fifteen rounds of exceedingly interesting duelling, Signalman Morris, of H.M.S. Argus, won the middleweight championship of the Colony by a large margin of points, at the Lee Theatre, on Saturday night.

It was a triumph of the scientific boxer over a fighter, the men displaying distinctly contrasting styles. Jose Pinks da Silva, seven pounds the heavier, but lacking Morris's reach, was a grim persistent fighter, possessing a terrific punch in either hand. He lacked precision, but set out from the beginning to win by the knock-out route, sometimes taking a severe battery in his efforts to get to close quarters.

Morris was too fast for him, both in punching and in his footwork. He never allowed himself to be tempted into an exchange of punches, never getting excited to the extent of losing caution even when he had secured a temporary advantage.

He boxed with unerring judgment through the fifteen rounds, meeting out severe punishment with both hands, but keeping the fight at long range from beginning to end. At no time did he essay to fight, and for this reason the bout could scarcely be categorised as thrilling. Exhilarating, certainly. No matter how distinctly Morris was ahead on points at any stage, there was always the chance that da Silva would catch him unawares with one of his sledge-hammer blows, and the speculation maintained a live interest until the end. Morris, however, evaded Silva's rushes skillfully, and only twice in the course of the fight, once in the second round, and once round about the eleventh, did he feel the weight of his opponent's punching ability.

It must not be supposed that Morris was concentrating on evasion. Rarely did he allow an opportunity of getting home a stinging blow, and that his punches had plenty of sting was reflected in Silva's appearance at the close. He had undergone a gruelling tussle, both eyes had suffered in the rapid attacks launched by the younger man, and it must have been remarkable stamina and grit which carried him through to the end.

The Fight.

The fight started slowly. Silva's stance was a proposition up against which Morris had never come before. He watched his man carefully and little was done. Things livened up somewhat in the second, and Silva took a short cut, though this appeared to be choice rather than necessity. In the fourth Silva set out seriously to fight his man and there was some brisk fighting, Morris keeping out of harm's way by clever footwork, but planting blows to Silva's face and body with neat precision.

In the early stages, it was clear that Morris must win if he lasted the fifteen rounds, and he displayed few tendencies of relaxing caution, though, as I have said before, he missed few chances of dealing a damaging blow. He boxed cleverly, and gave his man little peace. In the eleventh, he took a heavy blow to the chin, and two to the body, but fought back splendidly not seriously troubled.

The last four rounds were brisk. Silva never gave up hope of getting home with one of his hefty swings, but Morris made him miss badly many times, as he had done throughout the contest. At the end, Silva congratulated his opponent on his victory before the decision was rendered. It was a fine contest fought out in the best sporting spirit, and there was almost as much applause for the loser as for the winner.

The Tables Turned.

Excitement was not lacking in the preliminary bouts, but the most remarkable feature was contained in the fact that the three return contests staged all resulted in a reversal of the previous result. In these three fights, the men were excellently matched and gave thoroughly entertaining exhibitions. The first fight of the evening was between novices, and the finale was amusing, if humour can be derived from seeing a man jump up like a Jack-in-the-box after being sent to the floor several times by an opponent with a ten pounds advantage.

In the ten-round semi-final, Marine Frazer turned the tables on L.S. Hall. It was quite evident that he did not propose to make the same mistake as previously.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

TRIANGULAR SCHOOL AT
TAKKOO.

A triangular Rifle League shoot took place at Takkoo Range on Sunday between the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Rifle Club, Hongkong Police Rifle Club and Takkoo Rifle Club, resulting in a double win for Takkoo and a win for the R.A.O.C. Scores were:

Takkoo Rifle Club.

Mr. Grimshaw	..... 200	500	600	Total
Mr. Maxwell	..... 20	20	25	77
Mr. Mindoo	..... 82	82	20	90
Mr. McLennan	..... 27	82	30	89
Mr. Summers	..... 20	34	30	83
Mr. Swan	..... 27	33	31	91
Mr. Wallace	..... 22	20	27	75
Mr. Walsley	..... 28	31	20	85

Total 218 248 224 690

Police Rifle Club.

Mr. Carey	..... 26	30	25	81
Mr. MacKay	..... 28	20	31	85
Mr. Reid	..... 18	20	21	65
Mr. Fletcher	..... 21	23	13	62
Mr. Howarth	..... 17	23	25	65
Mr. May	..... 23	10	28	68
Mr. Barker	..... 22	25	21	68
Mr. Roberts	..... 28	24	22	74

- Total 181 190 180 659

Plus 4% For Open Sights 23

Grand Total 692

R.A.O.C. Rifle Club.

Major White	..... 24	34	20	87
S. Dr. Speller	..... 22	24	26	72
S. Dr. Hall	..... 28	20	25	82
S. Sgt. Popper	..... 30	28	24	78
L. Cpl. Gordon	..... 20	30	27	87
Pte. Jackson	..... 25	20	21	75
Pte. Bryant	..... 22	31	27	80
Cpl. Bendall	..... 20	28	18	66

Total 196 238 197 626

Plus 4% For Open Sights 18

Grand Total 644

The principal of the leather department at Northampton Technical College says that since the war the distributing side of the industry has been taking an unfair share of the profits.

He went out for his man so soon as Hall's initial dash had worn itself off, and fighting aggressively throughout won by a big margin of points. Hall showed up well in the early stages, but was severely trounced in subsequent exchanges, and kept on his feet by sheer doggedness alone. Frazer fought forcefully, and went through ten brisk rounds in fine shape. A thoroughly good winner.

Sharples Disqualified.

Stoker Sharples, quite rightly was disqualified for fouling Marine Harris, the infringement occurring in the fourth round. Sharples struck his opponent heavily just above the groin and Harris was obviously in pain. No-one would suggest that the foul was anything but an accident, the result of an impetuously amounting to carelessness, but Harris could not have been expected to go on. The most pleasing feature of the incident was the fact that Harris would have won in any case had the fight proceeded on the same lines. Harris, after two previous meetings, appeared to have weighed his man up, and fought a well-judged contest, scoring frequently with right and left.

Hume Outfought.

Pte. Hume, of the K.O.S.B., is essentially a fighter, but he was outfought by Shone, who reversed the previous decision after a great display. Hume opened aggressively but Shone greeted his advances with a beautiful straight left, and opened out in the third round to give Hume severe punishment. Hume was sent down once or twice but managed to last to the end.

Signalman Batson, Iroquois, knocked out Pte. Carey, K.O.S.B., in the fourth round of a lively novices' contest. The men went to their work whole-heartedly and both were badly battered before Carey received the quip.

Stoker Broad, who met Driver Wolger, in the concluding fight of the evening, was obviously the more experienced. He was however conceding too much in weight and reach, and the soldier's peculiar tactics, frequent changing of stance and leaping dashes, further disconcerted him. Wolger floored Broad several times without seriously hurting him, and won on points.

The house was a capital one, though the Lee Theatre is so large that a crowd which would have packed the City Hall comfortably left considerable gaps, particularly below stairs. The Association is to be congratulated on submitting a fine programme, the best of the season up to date.

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Kind of Advertising	Number Influenced	Per Cent Population
Newspapers	110,888	90.3
Magazine	9,050	7.3
Street Car	2,036	1.6
Billboard	731	0.6

RECORD SPOILED.

CHINESE CARPENTER WHO
SERVED IN WAR.

Records showing a long service during the Great War and an unblemished character, were produced before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday morning on behalf of Cheung Fuk, the Chinese carpenter of the a.s. Santhia, who was charged with importing without a permit 50 ounces of cocaine. A twenty-year-old Chinese student was also before the Court on an indictment of being in unlawful possession of the drug.

Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for the carpenter while Mr. Leo d'Almada represented the second defendant. Pleas of not guilty were entered in both cases.

Sergeant Fowler gave evidence that an Indian watchman arrested the student at the Kowloon Godowns early on the morning of January 27 and in consequence of what the youth told the police, he went to the Santhia, where the first defendant was pointed out as the man who had given the drug. On a search of the carpenter's cabin being made, a package containing traces of a crystal-like substance were found. This resembled the cocaine which was found on the second defendant.

Corroborative evidence was given by a Chinese detective, after which an Indian watchman said that he saw the defendant walking towards the No. 5 wharf from the third pier. He had his hands in his pockets and appeared to have something under his coat. When searched the drug was found tied round his waist. The defendant immediately said that it was cocaine and offered witness \$100 to release him.

Mr. d'Almada asked why the police had not been informed of the alleged bribe, witness replying that he had told the Sergeant of the offer.

Mr. d'Almada said he was informed that no such statement was made to Sergeant Fowler. At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Owen, in reply to a query as to whether he desired to address the Bench, said that he had not received full instructions and applied for a few minutes' consultation with his client.

Plea for Leniency.

Mr. d'Almada, on behalf of his client, asked for leniency, pointing out that the defendant was only a carrier. Mr. d'Almada said that that was a singular case where the owner of the drug had been produced in Court, unlike innumerable other cases where the carrier failed to locate the owner. Mr. d'Almada asked for his client's discharge with a caution or a light fine.

After a short adjournment Mr. Owen returned to court and said that the defendant, under his advice, wished to plead guilty. Mr. Owen produced documents of discharge issued to the defendant in 1917 after some valuable service on British ships during the War. He had received on one occasion a sum of money with others for sinking a German submarine.

Mr. d'Almada again pointed out that his client had been instrumental in bringing the importer of the drug to justice. He asked that his client be discharged.

His Worship: I think on the other hand a light fine such as he could easily pay, would be fairer. He has been very foolish.

Asked if there was anything known against either of the two defendants the police produced the criminal record of the second defendant, showing that he had been previously convicted for possession of opium and sentenced to six months' hard labour. Mr. d'Almada remarking that on that occasion he was also the carrier.

His Worship: I am afraid I must take a serious view of the second defendant's case. I had hoped to let him off with a light fine, but as this is his second offence I am afraid I cannot take a light view of it.

A fine of \$1,000 with the alternative of five months' hard labour was imposed.

Referring to the carpenter's case his Worship said: It is a great pity that the defendant spoils an otherwise fine record. As he is the principal offender, I cannot give him less than a fine of \$1,000 or one year's hard labour in default.

The cocaine was ordered to be confiscated.

THE WAR FRONTS.

SHANSI FORCES REPORTED
TO BE ATTACKING.

Peking, Feb. 4.
It is learned from Chinese sources that the Shansi forces are attacking Shihchiachuang, fighting going on four miles to the west.

Gen. Chang Tsung-chang is reported to have decided personally to direct operations against the Kuomintang.

Two Fengtien armies are reported from Tschow to be advancing eastwards to attack the Kuomintang flank in the vicinity of Tamingfu.—*Reuter*.

FUNERAL RITES.

THE LATE MRS. DONALD
MACDONALD.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Donald Macdonald took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, on Saturday afternoon and was largely attended. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Father Rossi. Among those present were Messrs. G. N. Tinson, D. J. Lewis, J. W. C. Bonnar, P. S. Cassidy, J. Ormiston, Stopani Thomson, Geo. Lammert, A. G. Gordon, G. G. Wood, A. S. Mackichan, F. M. Crawford, R. Hunter, Ho Kom-tong, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung and Colonel Robertson.

The floral tributes included those from "Peggy," "Willie," "Gordon," "Hilda and Jane," "Agnes and Kyrle," "Olive and Harry" and "Katie Archib." Lady Chater, Mrs. A. G. Gordon, Mrs. D. K. Blair, Mrs. Dora Armstrong, Mrs. Matland, Mrs. Ho Fook, Miss Phyllis Ho, Miss Nancy Ho, the Misses Jean, Grace and Florence Ho, Miss Cheung, and Miss L. Cheung.

Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Col. and Mrs. Robertson, Major and Mrs. Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Yu, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. R. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mackichan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Tao Yan, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grimble, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong, Mr. and Mrs. Syme Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gow, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sim, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ormiston, and Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wing. Messrs. F. A. Pollock, W. D. F. Wilson ("Allan"), Geo. and Geoffrey Lammert, L. E. Lammert, G. G. Wood, D. D. Ozorio, S. Y. Yan.

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LOCAL WEDDING.

PRETTY CEREMONY AT ST.
ANDREW'S CHURCH.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Saturday, the parties being Mr. G. H. White, son of Mrs. White and the late Mr. George White, and Miss Gladys Louise Woolley, daughter of Mrs. Woolley and the late Mr. William Henry Woolley, of Kowloon.

The Revd. W. W. Rogers officiated. The bride looked charming in a dress of embroidered white chambray trimmed with orange blossoms and white heather with a veil of fine tulle, trimmed with a dainty wreath of orange blossom buds. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Evelyn S. Woolley, Miss Iris L. Woolley, her sisters, and Miss Eileen Hynes. Miss Evelyn Woolley was dressed in pale blue satin crepe, trimmed with silver lace, whilst the other two bridesmaids were attired in crepe de chine of pale blue. All wore as headress bands of pale blue tulle with rosebud trimming. The bride carried a sheath of Arum lilies, while pale pink roses and maiden hair ferns and baskets filled with sweet peas were carried by her bridesmaids.

The bride was given away by Mr. Thomas Hynes and the services of best man were performed by Mr. Cecil Neave.

Mr. Rupert Baldwin was the organist. After the wedding, a reception was held at the residence of Mr. Thomas Hynes at the General Post Office Building, Hongkong.

The bride's going away dress was of powder blue silk moiré, with silver grey satin coat, trimmed with fur, with hat to match.

MR. COSGRAVE SAILS.

MEETINGS WITH MR. DE
VALERA AVOIDED.

New York, Feb. 4.
President Cosgrave left for England aboard the a.s. Olympic without meeting Mr. De Valera, who was in New York at the same time.

Neither was invited to functions at which the other was a guest.

President Cosgrave appeared very fatigued after his strenuous trip.

Mr. De Valera goes to England next week.—*Reuter's American Service*.

London, Feb. 4.
The President of the Free State Dail, Mr. Cosgrave, left New York by the a.s. Olympic early this morning, on his return to Ireland, after his brief visit to the United States and Canada.—*British Wireless*.

INDEPENDENCE

AMERICAN INTERVENTION
DISPUTED.

Havana, Feb. 5.
The long expected raising of the question of the intervention of one American state in the affairs of another occurred yesterday in a committee of the Pan-American Conference on the report of Senor Maurtua of Peru, defining the sovereignty of the American nations, declaring that "no state may interfere in the affairs of another."

The report is endorsed by Mr. Hughes, who called it the "Magna Charta of the western hemisphere." Senor Maurtua, in presenting the report, asserted that independence was not an absolute right but was "limited by the duties of international co-operation." The attack was led by Senor Pueyrredon of Argentina, who declared: "The sovereignty of states consisting of the absolute right to entire internal autonomy and complete external independence, must be consecrated in law and practised in fact or international juridical harmony no longer exists."

The delegates from San Salvador, Guatemala, San Domingo and Mexico, amid much applause, supported Senor Pueyrredon. Dr. Ferrera, the Cuban Ambassador to Washington, however, defended the right of intervention as practised by the United States and attacked the critics of the United States.—*Reuter's American Service*.

NO SUBMARINES.

MR. KELLOGG FAVOURS
THEIR ABOLITION.

Mr. Kellogg has advised the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives that the American Government is willing to sign a treaty with all the Powers in the world, prohibiting the use of submarines entirely.

Mr. Kellogg's views on the subject of submarines are set forth in a letter to Mr. Porter, the chairman of the Committee, in response to a request for a statement as to the attitude of the State Department towards a resolution introduced into the House of Representatives by Mr. Frothingham, member for Massachusetts, proposing to prohibit the construction of submarines.

The letter says that there is no objection to the resolution, provided submarines are abolished, and their construction is prohibited, all over the world. It is impossible for one country to abolish submarines and leave any other country free to operate and build them.—*Reuter's American Service*.

NEW CHAPLAIN
INSTALLED.CEREMONY AT ST. JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL.

During the morning service at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, the Right Rev. C. R. Duppy, Bishop of Victoria, licensed the Rev. H. V. Koop, B.A., Warren College, Oxford, as assistant chaplain in the cathedral.

Following the reading of the first lesson by the Very Rev. Dean A. Swann, the Bishop sat in the chancel. With him were the Dean, the Rev. W. R. Cannell and the Rev. H. V. Koop. The Dean offered the assistant chaplain to be licensed, and after he had taken the oath he received the blessing from the Bishop, with appropriate prayers.

The Rev. H. V. Koop read the second lesson, and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. R. Cannell.

In the evening a reception was held in the Cathedral Hall.

BANVARD COMPANY.

NO SHOW THIS EVENING.

Owing to the late arrival of the Kashima Maru, which is bringing the Banvard Musical Comedy Company to Hongkong, the Company will not be able to open their season to-night, as previously arranged. The play "Katja the Dancer" has therefore had to be postponed until to-morrow (Tuesday) night, when the Company will make its bow to a local audience in the Theatre Royal.

Theatre-goers who have booked for to-night, are given the alternative of exchanging their seats for others on Tuesday, or of getting their money back. Full particulars are given in the advertisement appearing in this issue.

Port Said, Feb. 4.
The aircraft carrier Hermes has arrived, and leaves on her way to China to-day.—*Reuter*.

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MARTIN STANNARD, the absconding director of Consolidated Exploitations, a rumour of whose return to the village of Greenhayle, where they live, has reached the ears of his former fellow-directors: JOYCE ALLEYN, a poor relation and private secretary to Otto Rigg, whom she distrusts and stands in fear of.

CHAPTER V.

Joyce Alleyn had little time to dwell upon the new turn of events. She had only grasped the significant fact that, since nobody else could have posted Gamlin's letter the visitor—the stranger—must have done it, when a man on a bicycle came up the drive of Otto Rigg's house.

He was a young man, rather neatly dressed, and he had an air of bold timidity. When he said he was a newspaper-man Joyce understood why that was. A little defensively, she asked him what he wanted.

"Well, I want to see somebody, Mr. Otto Rigg if possible," said Joyce. "Can I tell you anything? I am his secretary."

"Perhaps you can," he said, smiling ingratiatingly. "It's about this Gamlin-Consolidated business. She's been away from the entirely innocent young man, and cried: 'Oh, that I will go and speak to Mr. Rigg.'"

"The young man beamed; he had a belief in his heart that he could extract important gems of information from unsuspecting persons. 'Awfully good of you,' he smiled, 'but, perhaps, first you could give me a pointer or two.'"

"No," she cried, with a decision that startled the youth. "No, I know nothing. I will see if Mr. Rigg will speak to you."

She heard them hard at it in the study as she approached. Henry Maker's once jovial voice was raised in nervous demands; Henry Fedden's peevish tones, the voice of a man always ill, cut across Maker's; and above all rose the hysterical and unrestrained screaming of Hugo Shanly.

It was his voice that cried out as her hand touched the door handle.

"It's plain," he shouted, "it's Stannard's work. You've just heard what Kite told me over the phone a minute ago. No such letter was written or posted to his knowledge, and Gamlin did not go out. That's the final proof that Stannard is here—he posted that letter."

"We've got to find him. We've got to stop him, at all costs," came the frightened voice of Maker.

"My dear Henry," came the smooth cold voice of Otto Rigg, "we are quite as anxious as you to do both those things—only we keep our heads."

"Why should they keep their heads?" was Joyce's thought as she knocked for the second time, and more loudly.

The four men in the room stared at her silently as she entered. Otto looked at her coldly as she told of the waiting young man; he was always, it seemed, weighing her up. He said nothing at first. Hugo, on the other hand, leaped to his feet, his pale eyes glinting, his pale eyebrows twitching.

"The Press—confound the people! Pack them about their business, Otto," he yelled.

Otto Rigg stood up: "Oh, no, Hugo," he said. "It is natural for the Press to be interested in this sad business, and it is best that they get the information they require straight from us—from us rather than others who might garble it."

"Show him into your room, Joyce—and stay with us. I want you to take a note, one has to be careful how one is reported."

Joyce felt that he wanted her to hear what he said to the pressman—for her own misinformation.

She went out at once, but before she had left the door she heard them all talking again, and again it was Hugo's voice that cried: "You'll deny this gift, Otto."

Joyce deliberately waited for the reply. She heard Otto reply cuttingly: "You're a fool, Hugo. I shall do nothing of the sort. I shall confirm it."

There were immediately three voices protesting.

"Fools!" snarled Otto Rigg. "Can't you see that the only way to

stop people talking and wondering is to make it appear quite natural? Joyce went back to the room where she worked, wondering furiously why the dead man's gift to the shareholders of Consolidated Exploitations should not be quite natural.

The young man was trying to pump Joyce again when Otto Rigg came in. Otto bowed in his most charming manner, and Chairman of Directors manner, and asked, suavely, what he could do in his humble way to serve the Press. "It's about this Gamlin-Consolidated Exploitations business, sir," blushed the youth, evidently both flattered and overawed. "I was wondering if you would give me some information."

"What sort of information?" murmured Otto Rigg, in a tone that said, "You have only to ask, and all that I know is at your disposal."

"Well," hurried the youth, for he was very young—"this sudden gift of £80,000, and then the suicide—is a queer, isn't it?"

Otto Rigg stared for a minute, and then said, softly: "I don't think I quite follow you."

"It's my way of putting it, perhaps," said the young man, ingenuously. "You see, I'm rather at sixes and sevens myself. I got a telephone message about an hour ago from my paper—I'm local correspondent for the Morning Chimes, you know—asking me to get an interview with Mr. Seward Gamlin with regard to this—er—generous gift of his. I went to his place and found him—dead."

"That is so," murmured Otto. "Poor Seward."

"Well, sir, isn't that rather queer? I could get nothing out of the old butler, he told me to come on to you; but from the little I did get it seems that—well, Mr. Gamlin committed suicide. Isn't that so, sir?"

"I ought not to say," sighed Otto Rigg, "yet I fear your surmise is only too correct. But do I gather that you seem to feel that there is that peculiar connexion between his untimely death—and his gift?"

"Yes, sir, that was my idea."

"I do not know how I can help you," murmured Otto sadly, "except to tell you that, apparently, before my friend died, he did what he always said he would do—that is, sent the bulk of his fortune to relieve the shareholders of the ill-fated company of which he was once director. The news was not unexpected to his friends, though we thought he had made provision in his will. As it is, he apparently preferred to make his gift more direct."

Joyce, head down over her notebook, listened not so much with amazement as with admiration at the calm and unscrupulous way Otto Rigg was throwing dust in the pressman's eyes.

In her, too, he no doubt thought; for he did not know that she had overheard Hugo Shanly's fierce denial of the likelihood of the gift both on the porch and in the study. Gamlin's other friends too had demanded that the gift should be denied—these were the friends who had always expected it!

"And you don't think that this—er—suicide—has—er—anything to do with the—er—unusual gift?" blundered the young man, his vague hope of something sensational vanishing.

Otto stared at him long enough to let the young man to appreciate fully the enormity of the mere suggestion. Then he said solemnly: "I confess your suggestion is incomprehensible to me. I see no connexion at all. Candidly, I take it that my poor friend in the desperate moments of his depression resolved to end his life. And that having made that resolve he naturally put into force the idea, the generous idea, that had always been in his mind. That is the only assumption I, his oldest friend, can make."

"Of course, of course," said the youth, perspiring freely and making a note. "You—you say he was depressed. That was the cause of—of his death? Fits of depression—connected with business?"

"Mr. Gamlin retired from business years ago. No, he had no worries there. And no others as far as he knew."

All I can tell you is that my poor friend did have these unaccountable—and, yes, unreasonable—fits of depression, and that I suppose one, unfortunately, led him to this lamentable act. That is all I can tell you."

Clever Otto Rigg, protesting he could say nothing, and yet saying enough to lead the eager youth astray. And the eager youth was misled, and yet quite certain he had got a good "story" by his own guile. Joyce with an impassive gaze stared at him, anxious to prompt him, anxious to make him ask questions that would shed some light on the mystery of this man Martin Stannard, questions that

would explain Martin Stannard's connexion with all this, and why Otto Rigg and his friends wanted to discover him and yet keep his name from the police.

The youth stood up, saying: "I'm really awfully obliged to you, Mr. Rigg. I understand what this sad business means to you. I'm very grateful."

"I'm willing to help you in any way," said Otto Rigg, with cold graciousness. "Is there anything more? Details of Mr. Gamlin's career—his eyes were watching carefully—his connexion with the ill-fated Consolidated Exploitations, for example?"

"No, sir, that's all right, sir. They'll have all they want at the London office. They only asked me for 200 words, and you've kindly given me all that."

Joyce could have shaken him for missing his chance, but she did not even have an opportunity to glare. Another visitor arrived. This time it was the rather pleasant, not unintelligent, but quite commonplace sergeant of the Greenhayle police.

He was markedly respectful to the richest and most important citizen of his district, Otto Rigg, and not at all hostile to the pressman.

"Ah, you're here first, Williams," he said. "Got word you were on the trail at Mr. Gamlin's. Finished? Well, I'll ask you to read out your notes—with your permission, of course, Mr. Rigg."

Otto Rigg gave the permission and the notes were read.

"You've picked up some information which will be useful to me as well as you, Williams," said the policeman, and with a jerky little nod of respect to Otto Rigg. "It'll save me taking up some of your time, too, sir. I wanted to ask you about that gift to the Public Trustee which Mr. Gamlin sent—though Mr. Kyle, the butler, does hold that no letters left the house yesterday."

"He said as much to me," said Otto Rigg, "but since a letter was posted—"

"As you say, sir," smiled the sergeant. "As it was posted it was posted, and butlers don't know everything. As for the rest, the case is clear."

"Ah," said the pressman. "You know how the verdict will go?"

"Plain as plain," said the policeman, "but it's not for publication yet, Williams. Nor is this. We have traced the purchase of the poison."

"Ah!" came a sharp breath from Otto Rigg, and Joyce was none the less attentive.

"Yes, sir, that's cleared up, Mr. Gamlin bought it himself a year ago. You see it fits in. The poor gentleman must have felt what these depressions would lead him to. It's very sad, but in a way satisfactory. None of us want any undue notoriety, and the case can go through quietly. There's no call to make it out anything but what it is—plain suicide while temporarily insane—poor gentleman."

Joyce almost called out in protest. It was anything but plain suicide, and they would see that there was something hidden, even sinister, under it if they had not allowed Otto Rigg to blind them.

She lifted her head almost in a gesture of rebellion, and remained silent.

Otto Rigg was watching her closely with his cold, shrewd little eyes.

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Geneva, Jan. 9.—The Swedish Government, responding to a general invitation to members, issued by the League's Committee for Security and Arbitration, has submitted a new project for a pact of conciliation and arbitration.

Judicial conflicts according to this plan, would be submitted to the Hague Court or a special arbitral tribunal, and political conflicts to a committee of conciliation. If attempts at conciliation in this manner fail the question in dispute would be finally carried before the League Council.

Sales of National Savings Certificates for the week ended December 17, 1927, were 762,620, making a grand total sold of 836,705,761.

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CHINA PROVIDENT MEETING.

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I am pleased to report a very substantial reduction in mortgages on our property, which now stand at \$1,049,000, or \$779,901 less than at the close of the year 1926.

We were fortunate in securing the repayment in full of the loan to the Hongkong and Territorial Estates Ltd., and the sum so received, together with assistance from our bankers, enabled us to liquidate our debt arising from the purchase of the godowns of the Standard Oil Company. Exchange Reserve has now disappeared from our balance sheet by the completion of the purchase of this property.

In spite of the increase in our overdraft with the Bank, brought about by the above completion, it is satisfactory to note that our total liabilities under the two heads "Mortgages on Property" and "Overdraft at Bank" are approximately \$430,000 less than at 31st December, 1926.

Our Sundry Creditors' Account also shows a reduction of some \$60,000; and the last item under this head has since been reduced to approximately \$9,000.

Rise in Shares.

In order to meet the conditions prevailing on 31st December, 1927, your Directors have transferred the sum of \$141,761.24 from General Reserve to certain Specific Reserves for bad and doubtful loans in order to meet the depreciation in values of securities held by this Company as at December 31st, 1927. Since the date of the balance sheet, however, there has been an important rise in values of shares, and in the event of the new level being maintained, it is likely that a portion of the reserves, now allocated to "Loans" will be found superfluous, and will thus become available for re-transfer to General Reserve.

Merely as a matter of interest, I think shareholders would like to know that the whole of the amount reserved in the accounts for 1927 would appear to be unnecessary.

In addition there is a possibility of the reserves previously set aside not being required to the extent provided.

In regard to fixed assets, gentlemen, your Board considers that no further depreciation is necessary on Property Account, as, in their opinion, the values placed on your properties in 1926 by expert valuers were extremely conservative.

A Bad Debt.

The addition of \$10,275 to our Investment Account represents, in part a transfer from a Loan Account of certain shares in the Chinese Underwriters, Ltd., and also a call paid on our holding in the same Company. Our Loan Accounts have been divided into four sections, as before, and you will note that "Loans on Sundry Securities" and "Loans without Securities" have been reserved for full.

The latter covers the important sum of over \$671,000, the bulk of which is due by Mr. Tong Hing, which, we are afraid, is now definitely established as a bad account. On the offer made on behalf of Mr. Tong Hing, the Board endeavoured to execute on a judgment obtained against Mr. Tong, but the necessary legal preliminaries entailed gave Mr. Tong an opportunity to proceed outside the jurisdiction of the Courts in Hongkong, and we have not been able to trace his whereabouts.

Subsequent to the termination of the temporary agreement for the Company's General Agency, your Board gave the most careful consideration to the liquidation of the loan accounts of the Company's late General Managers, and with all the most detailed information available, an agreement has been reached which provides for a substantial cash reduction of their debt to us during the next two years. The satisfaction of this agreement naturally depends upon continued improvement in trading conditions prevailing in Hongkong and South China, which we hope will be maintained to enable us to collect the sums provided by the agreement.

Peace Needed.

As to the prospects for this year, gentlemen, our fortunes in the business of warehousemen, to which this Company's activities are being gradually confined, depend entirely on trading conditions in South China, and the latter in turn, unfortunately for us, on a political barometer. In short, gentlemen, we need a peaceful administration in Canton to attract cargoes to this Colony, and this has been amply proved by events in 1927 when, in the relative peaceful conditions obtaining in the first nine months of 1927, we did a good business, followed by a depressed period in sympathy with Canton conditions. We shall not have the revenue from the renting of some of our godowns to the military, but we do not anticipate any great difficulty in filling most of the space vacated. Our pro-

CHINA'S TREATY CLAIMS.

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by the late Chinese leader, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, which are being taken up by the people at present. These principles are known as "San Min Chu Yi," or the principle of the people's nationality, the principle of the people's power, and the principle of the people's existence. Interpreting them in the western language, they are the principles of nationalism, democracy, and socialism.

Dr. C. C. Wu made these declarations at a convocation of the University of the Philippines on the college campus. "The principle of nationalism has two aspects: internal and external. The internal aspect was successful in 1912 when the Manchurian dynasty rule was overthrown. The foreign aspect deals with the foreign nations. When China was weak and ignorant, she laboured under a series of treaties and obligations, but to-day, she can no longer bear them as a burden. The treaties made China a semi-independent nation or a colony of at least 16 nations. The Chinese people are not the masters in their own country, for they cannot drive away the foreigners from her gates, nor can China enforce her customs regulations in a way she wants it. We want to be the sovereign of our own territory, we want to exercise the same sovereignty that the Filipinos are enjoying, but we cannot do it," Dr. Wu stated.

Socialism Favored.

Interpreting the teachings of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Dr. Wu stated that he advocates that the nation must initiate legislation, which means a legislature; the right of veto, which is a referendum; and the right to dissolve the legislature, which is a recall. He further advocates that important industries should be run and managed by the state. Private industry and capitalists should not control a monopoly of the trade.

Dr. Sun thought also that no individual has the right to own a large tract of land, and owners of large tracts should not exist.

To Dr. Sun the famous phrase of Abraham Lincoln, "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people," meant democracy, socialism, and the existence of the people.

party has been well maintained or of revenue, and except for certain labour-saving appliances, such as lifts, which we consider desirable to install, are in a condition enabling us to undertake any business offering in an efficient manner.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts for the year 1927 as presented, be adopted, and when this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer any questions you may care to ask.

Report Adopted.

The report was seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves who said he was sure he was voicing the feelings of the shareholders in expressing appreciation to the directors for the lucid balance sheet they had presented.

The report was unanimously adopted.

An Explanation.

The Chairman then said:—A shareholder who was unable to be present has asked me a question which may be of interest to other shareholders. He has asked me to explain the increase of the reserve over bad and doubtful loans against security of property.

Mr. de Roza proceeded to explain:—This reserve, as at December 31st, 1927, shows an increase over that as at December 31st, 1926, of \$61,232.64. Of this sum, \$50,592.23 represents interest which has been debited to various loan accounts and credited to "Reserve," as its recovery is considered doubtful. The balance, amounting to \$10,640.41, represents interest on two loan accounts written back to conform with the rate chargeable on judgment debts.

Business Matters.

On the proposition of Mr. A. P. Samy, seconded by Mr. A. P. Samy, the appointments of Messrs. P. M. Hodgson, N. V. Croucher and S. M. Churn to the Board of Directors were confirmed. Mr. C. A. de Roza was re-elected to the Board, on the proposition of Mr. S. M. Churn seconded by Mr. N. V. Croucher.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. J. P. Xavier seconded, the election of Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, as auditors at a remuneration of \$450 each.

This proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. A. de Roza presided, other Directors present being Mr. C. B. Brooks, Mr. A. L. Alves, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mr. N. V. Croucher, and Mr. S. M. Churn, with Mr. D. L. King, Secretary. Shareholders present were Mr. L. E. Gutierrez, Mr. A. P. Samy, Mr. A. Keith, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. J. P. Xavier and Mr. C. Mancini.

EUROPEAN AS A BODYGUARD.

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Cross examined by Mr. Lo, Mr. Harris said he was formerly employed in Eddle's Cafe, Shanghai, and then came down to Hongkong. Before the Shanghai employment he had been on West River boats and had also been employed on the harbour works at Macao.

On the Rocks?

Mr. Lo.—When you first met the defendant I put it to you that you were absolutely on the rocks with nothing to do?—I was not on the rocks.

I suggest that when you first met the defendant at the pier you had no decent coat to wear, that you told him you were the ex-skipper of a boat in bad circumstances and that you borrowed a dollar or so from him.

Mr. Harris was understood to deny this.

I put it to you that you met the defendant frequently and from time to time got a few dollars from him until about July when you told him that you had at last succeeded in finding a job and asked for \$60. He gave you \$30?—That is not true.

In reply to further questions, Mr. Harris said that the plaintiff handed money over to him in the Savoy Hotel and that the proprietor of the Hotel gave him a five cent stamp for the receipt which was handed to the defendant. He denied Mr. Lo's suggestion that he had never been employed by the defendant.

Afraid To Go Home.

Asked about the address in Des Voeux Road West, Mr. Harris said defendant lived there. Further questioned about his own duties, the plaintiff said the defendant was afraid to go home in the dark with big sums of money in his possession and he (Mr. Harris) acted as his protector.

Mr. Lo.—What did you think the defendant was?—I thought he was a man of money.

But about the motor boats—They did not interest me at all. You duties then had nothing to do with the motor boats?—No, I had to follow him about at night. If he employed you at all it was personal employment by him. Nothing to do with motor boats. Just a personal bodyguard?—Yes, but I was also his general assistant.

I put it to you that your case is a fabricated one and that you were never employed by him?—That is not true.

Letters on Wrong File.

Re-examined by Mr. Wadeson, plaintiff said he had instructed Mr. Hall, the solicitor, to write Messrs. Lo and Lo saying that he had been paid. Mr. Lo denied receiving the letter and copies were handed in by Mr. Wadeson. Mr. Lo then said he was not prepared to admit having received the letter until he could look into the matter.

After further discussion on the point Mr. Wadeson put in a letter from Mr. Hall to the plaintiff which said that a certain letters had been sent to Messrs. Lo and Lo and that Mr. Hall would supply plaintiff with copies of them.

Mr. Lo said that it might be possible the letters had got on the wrong file as they appeared to refer to a criminal libel action. He said he would inform His Lordship the result of his inquiries regarding these letters.

The next witness called was Mr. William Blyth, a seaman, who said that on December 1 he went with Mr. Harris to the Savoy Hotel where they had a talk with the defendant. The latter spoke to Mr. Harris in Chinese, but to Mr. Blyth in English, and to witness saying that Mr. Harris was going back. Witness understood that to mean that Mr. Harris had been re-engaged.

Mr. Lo's Memory.

Mr. W. Williams, an engineer, said he had known Mr. Harris for the last fourteen months and lived with him at Causway Bay. Mr. Harris was employed by the defendant and left at 6.30 each evening for West Point. In cross-examination by Mr. Lo, witness said he was formerly employed by the Douglas Steamship Co., leaving them on September 19. He had been employed there for nearly a year.

Mr. Lo asked Mr. Williams if he remembered ever having seen him (Mr. Lo) in the solicitor's office. Witness said he did not remember seeing Mr. Lo at all.

Mr. Lo then asked if Mr. Williams remembered being given a dollar by him. Witness said he did not remember, and suggested that Mr. Lo had made a mistake as that Mr. Lo had made a good memory. (Witness) had a good memory.

In reply to further questions, witness said he did not remember telling Mr. Lo that he had been to a central charitable institution and that they had done their best

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Washington, Feb. 5. In dedicating the National Press Club, President Coolidge made interesting observations on the duties of newspapers. He declared that the Press should co-operate with the government in international affairs. He laid down the principle that the government itself had charge of foreign relations and suggested that when the Press undertook to exert an influence on behalf of foreign interests, it was "tampering with the national situation." "Foreign interests were entitled to be represented in the United States," but when foreign governments were represented here their agents were required to come publicly accredited to be publicly received.

For generations the law of the United States had forbidden its own citizens to enter into negotiations with foreign governments in regard to their relations with our own government. Such negotiations could only be carried on under the direction of the President. The spirit of mankind was more and more demanding that the government and society should be conducted under the laws of truth, and those who forgot that precept were "bound for moral explosion."—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHINESE CUSTOMS.**REVISION IS TO BE SUGGESTED.**

Shanghai, Feb. 5. According to reports from Peking Mr. Edwards, the Acting Inspector General of Customs will come to Shanghai to arrange for an understanding with the Nationalist Government on the lines of his memorandum of the Peking Government of August for the abolition of the present *ad valorem* tax of five per cent on the customs duties, the two and a half per cent surtax, and the imposition instead thereof of twelve and half per cent *ad valorem* customs duties for all China.

It is understood that Britain, America, France, Italy and the Netherlands approve the idea while Japan opposes it. After providing for the service of foreign loans the new scheme suggests the division of the customs surpluses proportionately to the customs houses controlled by the various Chinese authorities. The Peking Government advocates the inauguration of tariff autonomy on February 29.—*Reuter.*

FIRE ON A TRAIN.**RUSSIAN OFFICIALS GET A BAD SCARE.**

Moscow, Feb. 4. Fire broke out in a saloon car on a train from Leningrad to Murmansk. Railway Commissioners who were travelling in the car threw themselves out, and three were seriously hurt.—*Reuter.*

AEROPLANE CRASH.**CHAMBERLIN FAILS TO SET A RECORD.**

Richmond, Virginia, Feb. 4. A third attempt by the trans-Atlantic airman Clarence Chamberlin, accompanied by Roger Williams, to establish a new world's endurance record flight, has failed, their aeroplane crashing from a height of forty feet immediately after taking off from Byrd field. The airman were unhurt, but the machine was badly damaged. Officials are of opinion that the crash was due to the runway being too short for the machine, which carried 460 gallons of petrol.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A World's Record.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 5. Gene Shank, a law student interested in aviation, has established a world record in aeroplane looping, making 515 loops in four hours and eight minutes, beating by 200 loops Maynard's record in France.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New Orleans, Feb. 5.

Coates and Lebriz flying to New York, have arrived. They flew from Mexico City in ten hours and were welcomed by large crowds.

The First 'Plane.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 4. The original Wright biplane, in which the first successful flight in heavier-than-air machines was made in North Carolina in 1903, has been shipped to Britain for exhibition in the British Museum for an indefinite period.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TEAPOT DOME.**STANDARD OIL OFFICIAL UNDER ARREST.**

Washington, Feb. 4. Mr. Robert W. Stewart, the chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, has been arrested under an order of the Senate, for refusing to answer questions before the Senate Committee investigating Teapot Dome oil leases. Mr. Stewart helped to organize in 1922 the Continental Trading Company, which, according to the Government, supplied the money which Mr. Harry Sinclair gave to the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Fall. Mr. Stewart's arrest is merely technical, and he will be required to remain at his hotel in the company of a deputy sergeant-at-arms, who will take him before the bar of the Senate to state what he knows as regards the disposition of Liberty Bonds by the Continental Company of Canada.

Obtains Release.

Later. Mr. Stewart took his case to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and obtained a release from arrest on a *habeas corpus* writ. The hearing of a writ to determine whether he shall retain his liberty has been fixed for February 7.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOME POLITICS.**THE RECORD OF THE GOVERNMENT.**

London, Feb. 4. In a speech at Birmingham last night, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, said that obviously there could be no General Election in 1928.

The Franchise Bill must be passed into law, and the new votes must take their places upon the register. The machinery of that process would carry Parliament into the spring or summer of 1929.

He gave no encouragement to those who have lately been expressing hopes that the coming Budget will reveal a reduction in the Income Tax. The best hope for Income Tax payers lay in an improvement in the national credit, and in the conversion of the immense internal debt to a more favourable rate of interest. He pointed out that a reduction of local rates, that were a harassing burden on productive industry, called more urgently for attention, and if he had the necessary money to advance in this direction he would round off the financial policy of the present Parliament.

By reducing the Income Tax by six pence, and giving additional relief to the smaller class of Income Tax payers, the Government had already helped the saving and investing public.

By re-establishing the gold standard the Government had not only helped the mercantile and banking interests, which earned all over the world such a large proportion of the national income, but they had given honest money to workmen, and had steadily reduced the cost of living.—*British Wireless.*

FUTURE OF EMPIRE.**MR. AMERY ON SENSE OF COMRADESHIP.**

London, Feb. 4. Having completed his great tour of the Dominions, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, accompanied by Mrs. Amery, left New Brunswick last night for England.

In a final speech at Saint John's, Mr. Amery said it had been a great inspiration to travel through so many countries, each with its individual history, life and experience and each confident of a great future. He expressed the opinion that the ultimate perfect unity of the Empire rested not upon the governments but on the co-operation of various countries with each other, with their sense of loyalty each to the other as comrades under the same King and as part of the same Empire.—*British Wireless.*

NEW APPOINTMENT.**POST FOR EARL STRADBROKE.**

London, Feb. 4. It is officially announced that His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Earl Stradbroke as Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, in succession to Lord Bledisloe.—*Reuter.*

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NELLORE	6,853	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KIDDERPORE	5,334	29th Feb.	Straits & Omb. Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
ALIPORA	5,273	8th Mar.	Straits & Bombay
*KHYA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KARMA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANUWA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
INAGFORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
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TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ALIPORA	5,273	11th Feb.	Kobe & Osaka
KARMA	9,128	12th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	12th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka

KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	20th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TAKIWA	7,936	1st Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka

MANUWA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
INAGFORE	5,283	6th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama

ILAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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CLUB DE RECREIO.

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It now remains for me to ask,
Your Excellency to accept this key,
which is a miniature replica of
the one with which you so kindly
opened this building, as a memento
of this occasion, accompanied
with our most sincere wish for
your success and prosperity. (Ap-
plause.)

Sir Cecil's Reply.

His Excellency replied, as fol-
lows:

It has been a great pleasure to
me this afternoon to open the new
premises of the Club de Recreio.
The event is another landmark in
the development of Kowloon.
Many years ago I was myself a re-
sident of Kowloon, where I lived
in Lyemoo Villas. In those days
Kowloon was as much a rural dis-
trict as Repulse Bay or Shek-O are
now. But to-day Kowloon is a
spacious city, which bids fair soon
to outstrip the City of Victoria on
the southern side of the harbour.
The growth of Kowloon is well il-
lustrated by the growth of the
Club de Recreio, which began in a
small way in 1905, with 19 mem-
bers; but in 16 months had dou-
bled, and it now has 220 members.
This increase is chiefly due to the
fact that the majority of this
Colony's Portuguese community
now resides, not in Hongkong, but
in Kowloon. There are good reas-
ons why the other communities
should follow suit.

The Portuguese community is a
most valuable element in the popu-
lation of this Colony, and we in
Hongkong do well to remember
that Portugal was the first of the
western maritime powers to open
direct relations with China. In
1517 Fernao Perez de Andrade cast
anchor off St. John's Island near
the West River delta and thence
proceeded to Canton. In 1557 the
first Portuguese settlement was
made on the island of Amakau,
the port of the modern Amoy now
called Macao; and three centuries
later, in August 1839, it was from
Macao that the small British com-
munity, which had been driven out
of Canton in May of that year,
was led by Captain Elliot to Hong-
kong.

Ever since then there have been
intimate and friendly relations
between Macao and Hongkong,
and there has been a steady in-
crease in the number of the Por-
tuguese who have made Hongkong
their home. I am very glad that
the enterprise of the Portuguese,
here resident, has resulted in the
erection of the fine Club house and
it has been a pleasure to the
Hongkong Government to allot a
portion of King's Park in Kow-
loon for the Club's use. I wish
the Club de Recreio every hap-
piness and success. (Applause.)

The Building.

Following this, tea was served on
the lawn, after which His Excel-
lency together with Mr. de Sousa
inspected the building. As the
Governor entered the main hall the
orchestra played the Portuguese
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TO TIENTSIN	Waishang	Wed. 8th Feb at 5 p.m.
TO KOBE via AMOY & MOJI	Yunsang	Sun. 12th Feb at 7 a.m.
TO OKASA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	Fooksang	Wed. 15th Feb at 7 a.m.
TO KOBE via AMOY, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	Hongsang	Thurs. 23rd Feb at 7 a.m.
TO CANTON	Hopsang	Tues. 7th Feb at 7 a.m.
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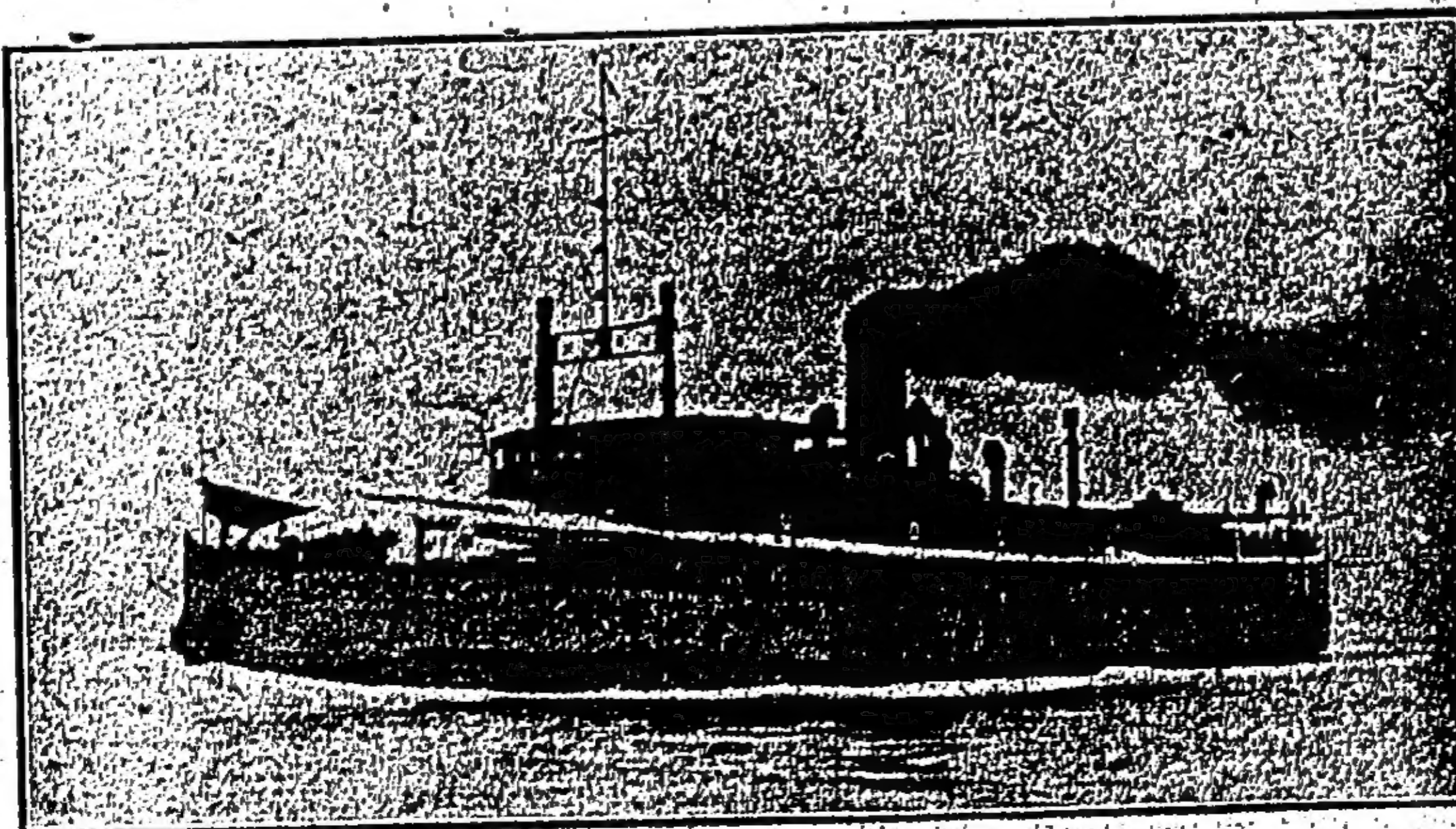
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Mr. Henry L. Stimson, the new Governor General of the Philippine Islands, is expected to arrive in Manila on March 1st on the s.s. President McKinley, according to reports, which corroborate previous information to the effect that he will depart from San Francisco on or about February 3.

With the early arrival of Governor General Stimson, Acting Governor Gilmore may leave Manila sooner for the United States than previously planned.
Los Angeles, Jan. 30.

Governor General Henry L. Stimson, of the Philippines, arrived here to-day from New York, and departed immediately for Monrovia for a conference with Senator Manuel Quezon.

The Finance Committee of Cambridge Borough Council, which has under consideration the Dulwich College Draft Amending Scheme, will recommend the Council to inform the Board of Education of the Council's objection to the project on the ground that it would have the effect of reducing the opportunities for higher education of the children of the poor by reducing, and probably ultimately abolishing, the places now available at the College for boys who have obtained scholarships at publicly-proved schools.

Return halves of ordinary railway tickets by railway for distances exceeding 12 miles will in future be available for three months, instead of two.

The Earl of Athlone has accepted the position of president of the Richmond Royal Horse Show in succession to his brother, the late Marquess of Cambridge, who had been president for 27 years.

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FORMER HONGKONG MAN'S CLAIM.

RUBBER SHARE DEAL.

Mr. D. Arakie (formerly of Hongkong) brought suit in H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai last Wednesday before Judge Sir Peter Grabin, against C. D. Komaroff for Tls. 1,410.75, arising from an alleged breach of contract in the purchase of 3,000 shares of Tanah Merah stock on November 5, 1926, wherein plaintiff acted for a Mrs. Abraham. Mr. Tycho Wing appeared for Mr. Arakie and Mr. M. B. Brown represented defendant.

In his statement of claim, plaintiff stated that he had sold 3,000 shares at Tls. 2.25 plus one-half per cent. brokerage, totalling Tls. 6,733.75. On December 21, he tendered the scrip, and when defendant refused to accept delivery he sold them during the December settlement at a net price of Tls. 1.80 less one-half per cent. brokerage, making in all Tls. 5,373. Plaintiff claimed the difference; Tls. 1,410.75.

Fraud Alleged.

Defendant admitted in his answer that he instructed plaintiff to purchase the shares at Tls. 2.25 per share, but alleged fraud on the part of plaintiff insofar as he is alleged to have reported the market as being strong, and that he told defendant that Tls. 2.25 December, was the best price obtainable, further that he at all material times represented himself to be a member of the "Exchange," none of which were true. Defendant further, asserting without prejudice to himself, alleged that the price on the date of repudiation was Tls. 2.05. Therefore only Tls. 600 might be due to plaintiff.

In his opening, Mr. Wing said defendant had repudiated the contract within two days and said that defendant asserted that a loss of Tls. 600 only was due, if any. He then quoted other authorities to prove that plaintiff could accept a repudiation if he wished—he was not bound to do so.

Plaintiff, replying to Mr. Wing's suggestion that he was a financial journalist (editor of *Capital and Trade*), agreed that he might be called this. He denied that he was a member of the stock associations, and that he ever had told defendant that he was. Witness then introduced a stock book to show that names of the associations are printed on the contract forms, and deposed that there was nothing on his forms to show that he posed as a member.

The Deal.

Continuing witness said that defendant seemed interested in the rubber market, and if he remembered correctly he informed defendant that in his opinion the market was steady. Plaintiff was not controlling the Tanah Merah market—he merely had the 3,000 shares to dispose of. He believed that he broached the subject to defendant over the telephone. Mr. Komaroff replied that he would consider the matter. An hour later plaintiff telephoned again and defendant accepted the offer of 3,000 shares at Tls. 2.25. Later in the day Mr. Komaroff, according to witness, confirmed the offer. On Race Monday, the London market was weak. On the same day Mr. Komaroff called on him and said that friends in the American Club had told him that he could have obtained shares at Tls. 2.05 December. Witness told him that he was not interested, that he only was concerned with the transaction in question.

In reply to Mr. Wing, plaintiff said that a drop from Tls. 2.25 to Tls. 2.05 in one day would occasion him no surprise. He absolutely had no intention to defraud defendant.

A Quid Pro Quo?

In cross-examination Mr. Brown asked witness to try and remember if he had not agreed to give Mr. Komaroff tips on the share market in return for articles which he, defendant, was to write for his journal. This witness denied, asserting that he was to be paid for everything he wrote. To a second similar suggestion, witness expressed himself in the same manner. He did admit that he had suggested that Mr. Komaroff should conduct his business whilst he went on leave. Witness denied that Mr. Komaroff had suggested that he must join the "Exchange" if he were to carry on.

The Court permitted two business men to give evidence for the defence before Mr. Komaroff went into the box. Mr. H. B. Ollerdesen, 15 years a member of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, deposed that he told defendant in the

BLAZE OF COTTON IN SHANGHAI.

CAPT. DYSON OVERCOME BY FUMES.

TWENTY AFFECTED.

Twenty firemen, including Captain J. Gordon Dyson, Chief of the Shanghai Fire Brigade, were overcome by deadly carbon monoxide fumes while battling with a fire in No. 8 hold of the steamer Hein Ningshao at the Ningpo-Shanghai Steam Navigation Company's wharf on the Chinese Bund on Wednesday last.

Fire was discovered on board as the vessel was midway between Ningpo and Shanghai, and fire boats and land equipment were waiting for her, in response to wireless messages, when she tied up alongside the wharf at 8 a.m. Thousands of bales of unpressed cotton were involved in the blaze and generated carbon monoxide which impeded the efforts of foreign and Chinese firemen to combat it. One sailor had already been overcome when the vessel arrived in Shanghai. At least 40 firemen were affected, and 20 were overcome by the fumes. The Brigade obtained mastery after a long fight and the blaze was subdued. Pumping operations were then started to free the hold of the water and save as much cotton as possible.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. £2,000,000,000, according to a return just issued by the London County Council.
2. That he used to disinfecting, recent measurements having fallen from 187,372 miles per second to 187,568.
3. A letter of Burns, containing his name, "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose."
4. In Landedown-passage, Mayfair, where there still stands an upright iron bar originally fixed after a highwayman had escaped by riding his horse through the passage and into Curzon-street.
5. Among the excavations at Ur of the Chaldees. The museum is that of Mesopotamia, a prince who flourished 5,000 years ago.
6. Charles I.; to increase his revenue, granted a monopoly for the manufacture of paper, which then had to bear the royal crown as a watermark. Cromwell abolished the monopoly, and substituted a fool's cap and bells for the royal crown.
7. At Ostia, Italy, after public cancellation.
8. Peter de Rons's metric.
9. The Whittington Library confiscated by the Protector Somerset.
10. \$5,000, according to a recent London County Council return.
11. 16,000 thirty to thirty-five miles per hour; 10,000 thirty to thirty-five miles per hour; 10,000 thirty to thirty-five miles per hour; 10,000 thirty to thirty-five miles per hour.
12. Sunday, December 25, A.D. 1.

American Club that Tanah Merah shares could be bought for Tls. 2.07½ to Tls. 2.10 for December. In reply to Mr. Wing, he admitted that it was only his opinion that the rubber market was weak, when he informed defendant as to the position.

Mr. Wing:—If a broker knew which way the market was going, he would not be a broker very long, would he?—No, and he would need no clients either.

Question of a Square Deal.

Mr. H. L. Cavendish said that on defendant's request, he accompanied him to Arakie's office at 9 a.m., on Monday, November 8. Plaintiff spoke of the price of shares several days earlier, but defendant told him in the presence of witness, that he was not interested, that he came to repudiate the sales contract. Mr. Arakie asked what was a fair price, Mr. Komaroff replying again that he was not interested.

Witness emphatically asserted that Mr. Arakie had said that he was a member of the "Exchange," and further that if Mr. Komaroff did not think that he had had a square deal, that he was under no obligation to take up the contract, but that he Mr. Arakie, would re-sell them. Mr. Komaroff said at the time, "I think that I have been stung." Defendant then threw what witness thought was the contract, on the table and walked out of the office.

Replying to both his Lordship and Mr. Wing, witness reasserted hearing Mr. Arakie state that Mr. Komaroff need not take up the contract. Defendant then entered the box, and replied to Mr. Brown that he was not in the habit of "buttering" in the market. This had been his first attempt. As Mr. Arakie could not pay for the articles for the paper, witness went on to say, he had offered to give witness tips on the market, and that he could get a seat on the "Exchange."

It was late in the afternoon of November 8; that Mr. Arakie telephoned him about the shares, and recommended that he should buy at Tls. 2.25. Witness asked, he added, if that was the best price obtainable, to which the other replied in the affirmative. He had faith in plaintiff's profession of friendship.

SPLIT IN FILIPINO PARTY.

ENVOYS TO AMERICA CENSURED.

INSISTENCE ON IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE.

"FUTILE MISSIONS."

The third and last meeting of the three day Convention of the Democratic party at the Club Manila last week approved the resolution censuring Senate President Quezon and Senator Sergio Osmena, legislative envoys to the United States, for their willingness to accept greater autonomy instead of complete and immediate independence.

The Convention likewise condemned the sending of parliamentary missions to the United States as an expensive and futile but favoured the creation of a permanent committee to conduct a systematic campaign. The stand of the party for immediate freedom was reiterated in a resolution introduced by the platform committee and approved by the Convention.

By an overwhelming vote, the delegates repudiated the coalition and authorized its dissolution. It stated that the continuance of the minority in the coalition is prejudicial to its interests and violates the party's principles. The committee on resolutions succeeded in passing a resolution protesting against the attempted "dismemberment" of the Mindanao and non-Christian provinces.

Big Programme.

Several amendments to the party's platform were approved, among the most important being the abolition of the one and a half per cent. sales tax, abolition of the Department of Justice and the establishment of an independent Department of Public Health; that 60 per cent. of the funds of the postal savings banks and loan associations of the Government be given in loans for agriculture and industries and that the Philippine National Bank give better attention to the interests of the smaller farmers. The distribution of free schools texts books to primary school children and the appropriation of more funds for purposes of fomenting vocational language was likewise urged.

On recommendation of the Committee on Labour, the Convention came out as favouring the establishment of labourers' barrios in industrial communities and the selling of lands to them in lots and installments by the local Governments, the parceling out of public lands in Mindanao and non-Christian provinces to be sold to them in like manner.

The creation of a Budget Bureau which has been twice disapproved by the Governor-General found support among the Democrats, which condemned the pork barrel system of distributing the public works funds.

The Officials.

The following were elected officers of the Democratic party:—Senator Juan Sumulong, president; Ruperto Montinola, first vice-president; Senator Emiliano T. Tirona, second vice-president; Alejo Mabang, third vice-president; Vicente Alindana, secretary; Anastacio Morales, sub-secretary; Vicente Villanueva, treasurer.

A WOMAN'S QUARREL.

STILL ARGUING AFTER BEING WARNED.

Two women charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with fighting were bound over in personal bonds of \$50 each to keep the peace for twelve months. The quarrel commenced in a hut in Wong Nei Chong village and the parties carried it on to the street. They were taken to the No. 2 Police Station, and warned not to create any more trouble. The warning had no effect for the quarrel began once more and the two women were again brought to the police station by a Police Reservist.

His Worship said that since they had been detained in custody for two days, they would be discharged but he added that should they be brought before the court again for the same offence, they would go to prison.

In plaintiff's office on the following Monday, he told Arakie, he went on to say, that he had repudiated the contract, because the situation had been misrepresented to him. At the other's request he wrote the letter of confirmation of repudiation, which Mr. Wing inferred was not a letter of repudiation. He had told Mr. Arakie that he could take any steps that he might like.

The hearing was adjourned.

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